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REPORTING ON RUSSIAN KITS



DR. HERRING IS RADIO SPEAKER

Dr. Ralph A. Herring of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, will be heard on the program of the Baptist Hour next Sunday morning, 7:30 to 8:00 o'clock, according to Dr. S. F. Lowe, Atlanta, Georgia, chairman of the Radio Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. His subject, "The Primacy of the Spiritual," will be of special interest to people everywhere in these crucial days through which we pass, according to Mr. Lowe.

Dr. Herring, popular pastor of the First Baptist Church of Winston-Salem, is a trusted servant of the Baptist denomination, being past vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention, now president of the North Carolina Baptist Convention, and also serving as trustee of the

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Thanks Everybody!

J. E. Dillard

Yes, the balance of the old South-wide debt was paid in full December 29, and we have a sizeable cash balance on hand. I hope you are half as happy as I am.

I wish I could take each of you by the hand and express my gratitude. Pastors, editors, secretaries, executives, club leaders, W. M. U.'s, brotherhoods, Sunday schools, Training Unions, and others have had a part. Listen!

1. The W. M. U. in 1940 underwrote \$1,000,000 to be paid upon our denominational debts by 1945; they actually paid all or nearly all of this before the end of 1943.

2. The Baptist Brotherhood voted to try to raise the \$100,000 of the anticipated shortage; they probably more than did it.

3. The Sunday School Board has voluntarily paid the expense of promoting the Hundred Thousand Club from its beginning, and a few days ago gave me a check for \$25,000 saying they would give me more if necessary in order to insure the full payment of the debt by December 31.

Thanks Everybody!



Southern Baptist Kits will help these Russian neighbors in this hour of peril

Atlanta, Jan. 1.—We have received orders, through December 27, 1943, for 40,199 kits, and have shipped same. In addition to these orders, we have letters or telegrams establishing following goals:

Dallas and Atlanta, 10,000 kits; Birmingham, Nashville, 5,000 kits; St. Louis, 3,000 kits.

Eleven churches have accepted goals of 1,000 kits, as follows: First church, Cliff Temple, Gaston Avenue and Ross Avenue, Dallas; Third church, St. Louis; Southside church,

Birmingham; Druid Hills and Second Ponce de Leon, Atlanta; First church, Amarillo; First church, Baton Rouge, and Bellevue church, Memphis.

Every mail brings increasing orders from city, town and rural churches. Many pastors are inquiring about special authority for ration points for sugar, milk and other articles for kits. No such permits will be granted by central authorities. Each community must work out its own ration points. We hope each

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MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

The matter of holding the next session of the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, May 16-18, 1944, was definitely decided by the Executive Committee of the Convention at its regular semi-annual meeting in Nashville, December 15. In due time, Dr. Louie D. Newton, head of the local committee on arrangements in Atlanta, will publish all necessary details.

In view of the urgent needs of practically all of our agencies and institutions for increased financial support, the committee on allocation of Co-operative Program funds for 1945, of which Dr. John H. Buchanan,

Birmingham, is chairman, postponed making its report until the pre-convention meeting of the Committee next May, or at a called meeting between now and then. In the meantime a thorough study will be made by the committee of the proposed budgets and imperative needs of these agencies. The allocation of Co-operative Program funds for 1944 will remain the same as for 1943, which was adopted by the Convention at its last meeting.

By action of the Committee, the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club, which has served such a valuable

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DR. E. F. HAIGHT

B. B. I.

New Orleans, Louisiana

Dr. E. F. Haight, head of the Department of Christian History at Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, will lead and direct the Bible Study in Evangelism at the Laurel Evangelistic Conference, January 24-26 in connection with the Hymen Appelman Revival. All pastors and laymen, are urged to attend this Bible Study.

—BR—

New Year Message from the President of the Baptist World Alliance

To My Brothers and Sisters of the Baptist Communion Throughout the World

My Dear Comrades and Friends,

My presidency of our Alliance has fallen in a grim period indeed! I was elected at the close of July, 1939, and within six weeks began the Second World War, which is now in its fifth year.

I cannot adequately express my sorrow that it has been impossible under these conditions to visit many of the lands in which you dwell, to share in your worship of God, and to utter in your hearing, as His grace should enable me, some fraternal message on behalf of the world-communion of which we are a part. The printed word cannot have the warmth of a handclasp. I long intensely to meet you face to face, and am thankful for any sign that the period of strife may be within measurable distance of its term. May 1944 see the end of hostilities!

The future, even the nearer future, is veiled; but we know this, that "He that sitteth upon the circle of the earth" is our Father. His love cannot fail. It stands for ever revealed in the Cross of His Son. Our trials and sorrows, our losses and dis-

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Sparks & Splinters

Miss Willie Kate Baldwin of Laurens, South Carolina, and Miss May Perry, of Canton, Georgia, arrived in Baltimore, December 5, from Nigeria on a greatly needed furlough. Miss Baldwin and Miss Perry were with our Baptist Girls' School in Abeokuta, Nigeria.

A cable was received December 6, advising of the safe arrival in Nigeria of Dr. J. C. Pool; and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. H. Congdon.

On Wednesday night, December 1, the Susan Anderson Young Women's Auxiliary of the Lumberton Baptist Church presented a special program in connection with the Lottie Moon Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. Twelve members presented the program, which consisted of the singing of special music, some of which was Christmas hymns, reading of two poems about the Star (being illustrated with an impressive lighted star on the pulpit), a very interesting talk on Mexican missions by Mrs. J. H. May, and prayers for five foreign nations, read by Nelda Byrd, Charline Chapman, Pauline Chapman, Dorothy Bufkin and Frances Risher. The poems were read by Mary Alice Chapman and Billie Wanda Byrd. This fine group of young women is ably led by Mrs. J. H. May and Mrs. Edrie Maxwell.—Herbert Batson, reporter.

Pastor Charles Anderson and the Brookdale Baptist Church, and Pastor Russell G. Jones, of the First Baptist Church, both in Bloomfield, N. J., and Pastor M. A. Darroh of the Evangelist Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., shared the ministry of Evangelist Appelman in a three weeks' meeting which resulted in over 200 conversions and additions.

In sending in a nice club of 21 subscriptions from Paynes church, H. E. Shook, treasurer, says, "I may be able to add a few more to our Record list a little later. We are still trying to carry on without a pastor." We hope these good people get a good pastor and we are thankful for their faithfulness to the Record.

LOST: One Mercury, hub-cap. Finder please phone 4-6384 and claim the reward.

From Mrs. H. H. Anderson, reporter of the Richburg Baptist Church W. M. U., we learn that their Lottie Moon offering was \$6.55. They have recently completed the study of the book, "More Than Conquerors." Plans are being made to build Sunday school rooms as soon as materials are available.

Galilee Baptist Church, Gloster, has allocated 25 per cent of budget receipts for the Cooperative Program during 1944. Pastor W. L. Sewell is leading the people in a fine way.

Roger Babson, the statistician, is quoted as saying: "I have not been able to find a single useful institution which has not been founded either by an intensely religious man or by the son of a praying father or a praying mother. I have made the statement before the Chambers of Commerce of all the largest cities of the country and have asked them to bring forward a case that is an exception to this rule. Thus far, I have not heard of a single one."—Watchman-Examiner.

Rev. C. C. Rinehart, Rt. 4, Rienzi, is a faithful friend of The Baptist Record. Recently he sent a list of fifteen from Jacinto, Kemp's Chapel and Love Joy.

Brother E. A. Cleveland of Rock Branch church, Newton county, recently sent in a club of ten subscriptions for which The Baptist Record is very grateful.

In sending a list of nine subscriptions from Bethel church, Winston county, Mr. F. C. Cockrell, church clerk, writes that he expects to send more at an early date. If there is anything that The Baptist Record likes it is to receive more names.

West Side, Natchez: God truly blessed us with a revival, December 7-13. There were 54 conversions and 88 rededications. Many established family altars. Evangelist J. Harold Smith of Knoxville, Tennessee, did the preaching. Farrell E. Runyon led the singing.—James Crumpton, pastor.

Under the leadership of Pastor A. F. Crittendon, former Mississippi pastor, the First Baptist Church of Ponca City, Oklahoma, is adopting a budget of \$25,000 for 1944. In addition to the budget they plan to raise \$2,000 for the Orphans Home Building fund. The membership is approximately 2,000.

Repatriates who returned on the Gripsholm from Manila brought information that in March, 1942, Japanese authorities in the Philippine Islands reported the death of Mr. Rufus F. Gray, a missionary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. No information could be secured as to the cause and circumstances of his death. When he was taken into custody by the Japanese, after the fall of the Philippine Islands, he became separated from his family and fellow missionaries. No information concerning him was made available until his death was reported the following March. Mr. Gray's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Gray, are now living at Fort Pierce, Florida. His wife, who was Miss Marian Peeler of Tampa, Florida, and her young daughter are still in an internment camp in Baguio with six other missionaries of the Foreign Mission Board. Of the eighty-eight missionaries connected with the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention who were caught in Japanese controlled areas of the Orient following the attack on Pearl Harbor, Mr. Gray is the only one who has lost his life. Seventy-nine have been repatriated to the United States; one is still interned in Shanghai; seven are interned at Baguio in the Philippine Islands.

CLERGYMEN PROTEST SUNDAY DRILLS

Andover, Mass.—(RNS)—Clergymen representing virtually every Protestant church here have voiced a protest against Sunday drills held by the State Guard and the collection of salvage on the Sabbath.

"Our men in the armed forces are fighting to defend our freedom of worship," said the ministers, "yet a man is not free to worship if he has to go to work or drill instead. . . . It is our conviction that the fundamental right of freedom of worship must be defended on the home front as well as on the fronts where our men are fighting."

We are thankful for a club of eight subscriptions from Oak Grove church in Calhoun county sent in by the clerk, Mrs. J. W. Lowrey.

In sending in a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions from Shubuta, Pastor N. A. Edmonds says that more will come later.

TWO EXCELLENT EXAMPLES

In this era of conformity it warms the cockles of one's heart to hear of men and women who refuse to give up their moral ideals for money and influence. The latest instances that have come to our attention concern no less figures than Tom Harmon, the football star and air pilot, recovered from South American wilderness, and Vice-President Henry Wallace.

Tom Harmon, telling in the Saturday Evening Post how money was offered him when he was a great star, explains how and why he refused to lend his name to the advertising of beer and cigarettes chiefly because he thought of his influence upon idolizing youngsters and friends and did not propose "to let them down."

In the case of Vice-President Wallace we have the temptations offered on his recent South American tour. He has been dining out in Washington for eleven years, the wettest years of that very wet city, and yet he has remained a teetotaler. Friends in the city have been kidding him because he went all the way through wine-loving South America without taking a single drink. In the city of Daird, Panama, a ball was given in his honor. A charming senorita was designated "Queen of Court," but when she asked Mr. Wallace to dance with her, he graciously told her that he does not dance. She then raised her glass of champagne and proposed that he drink with her a toast to democracy. He replied in Spanish, "Democracy has no court." At a state dinner in Peru, he inverted the several wine goblets at his place, and this led the hostess to do the same with her goblets.

Whatever one thinks of politics or of football, certainly he can admire the moral courage of individual men who refuse to conform.—Christian Standard.

AUTUMN LEAVES

Autumn leaves their colors changed
To crimson, gold and brown,
With every passing breeze that stirs
They now come tumbling down.

They come to rest on Mother Earth,
The breast of mother supreme,
They snuggle close, bid last farewell
Disintegrate and dream.

They give back to their mother's breast
The sustenance obtained
In birth, in growth, in beauty lent,
By Mother Earth reclaimed.

Might we not profitably shape our lives
After Mother Nature's laws,
And leave a full, rich afterglow
When we embrace Death's pause?

Greenville, Miss. C. S. SMITH.

Two important events from January 18 to February 15. See Page 7.

WE INVITE EVERY CHURCH
To send their Sunday school and Training Union attendance. Put it on a postal card and mail Sunday night or Monday morning.

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FRONTLINE TROOPS PAY MISSOURI CHAPLAIN HIGHEST COMPLIMENT, CALL HIM "REAL SOLDIER"

With the Fifth Army, Italy—Among the men of a Fifth Army Infantry division he serves, Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) William E. King of Missouri, the division chaplain, is known as "real soldier"! He has earned this reputation by time and again going right up to the front lines and sharing the dangers of the man-in-the-foxhole.

Recently the chaplain and his driver, Private Martin Wisotsky, of 5814 Fort Hamilton Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, set out for a town which had been taken by our troops only a few hours before. As they approached the town, eight enemy fighter-bombers appeared out of nowhere and dove for the road. The chaplain ordered the jeep stopped and both occupants took cover. During the next few seconds the air was filled with machinegun bullets and small-sized cannon shells from the strafing aircraft. Two machinegun slugs crashed through the jeep's windshield and a cannon shell plowed a ragged hole in the rear of the vehicle.

When the attacking was over, the chaplain, unhurt, immediately called to his driver: "Martin, are you hurt?" Wisotsky, pale and shaky, slowly replied: "No, sir, but, boy! am I glad to be alive!" It was Wisotsky's first trip to the front.

Prior to joining up with the army, Chaplain King lived at Kansas City, Missouri, where he conducted services for years years at the Maywood Baptist Church. Besides tending to the spiritual needs of his lads in khaki, Chaplain King also contributes to their physical needs; he is a consistent blood donor at the field hospital.

CONGREGATIONALISTS LAUNCH CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CONSERVATION PROGRAM

New York—(RNS)—A "Church Membership Conservation Program," to enlist as active church members in their new environment all Congregationalists who move from non-defense communities to war industry centers, has been launched here by the Commission on Evangelism and Devotional Life of the Congregational Christian Churches.

Designed to counteract the tendency among an estimated 90 per cent of the churchgoers who move into defense communities to neglect establishing new church relationship, the Congregational program provides for a reciprocal arrangement whereby local churches in both non-defense and defense areas formally resolve to keep in close contact with all church members moving in or out of their communities.

Circulation This Week
37,677
A Gain of 188 Since Last Week

Paul's Method: "I kept back nothing that was profitable, but have shewed you and taught you publicly, and from house to house." Acts. 20:20

Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:—
"LOVE NEVER FAILS"
I Cor. 13:8b

Paul's Message: "Testifying both to the Jews, and also the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 20:21

THE METHOD—

Of Jesus. "Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee;

"And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthaliim." Matt. 4:12-13.

"And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people." Matt. 9:35.

How did Jesus contact the people? How did He carry on His work? Answer: "He went about" the cities, villages, countryside, homes—the people—teaching, preaching, healing. "HE WENT ABOUT." He did something worthwhile after He arrived!

2. Of the disciples. "And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." Acts 5:42. They knew the method of Jesus! They knew the plan of Jesus! Here we see them putting it all into practice!

3. Of Paul—the greatest of the apostles. "And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house." Acts 20:20.

There is no better established New Testament method of evangelism and missions than "publicly and house to house."

The "house to house" to us seems as well established as the "publicly." It is more difficult! It means sweat and labor, so we do not have so much of it. The King's business will pick up when we come up to this New Testament method of doing the King's work!

In denominational life we need to work with groups as well as individuals. The association is the ideal unit thus covering great areas at a single stroke. Work with pastor groups! Work with B. T. U. groups! Work with church groups! That is frequently the difference between piddling and powerful service!

THE MESSAGE—

1. Of Jesus. "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." Matt. 4:17. "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Matt. 4:19.

2. Of the disciples—"Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Acts 2:38.

3. Of Paul. "Repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 20:21.

Special Fruitfulness of the Ministry:

1. Of Jesus. "And there followed him great multitudes." Matt. 4:25.

2. Of the disciples. "And they that gladly received his word were baptized. There were added unto them three thousand souls." Acts 2:41.

3. Of Paul. "They all wept sore, and fell on Paul's neck, and kissed him." Acts 20:37. These were his converts to the cause of Christ! There were many more!

In all seriousness, if we used more of the method pictured above, delivered more in power the message given above, we believe we would experience all the more the fruitage we see above.

II

In suggesting the district enlistment workers, on the negative side we had no idea that the work would just be with a church here and a church there. Pastors can do the work better as a rule in the local church. We have enough pastors to hold the revivals. Three or six men would be forever covering the state in such a manner.

We had in mind that there would be many group meetings, and much associational emphasis and organization for work. In this way one man would multiply his own efforts and powers over and over again.

That was undoubtedly the method of Paul. "This continued by the space of two years: so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus." Acts 19:10. He worked an entire area from a center. This is a mighty good example to follow! We have not heard of any plan that excels it! All persons in general work will find such a method to be very helpful!

The work of Enlistment Pastor J. B. Ray, Tupelo, has been typical of the best. Within a few weeks after starting he visited all his associations, he later met with pastor groups, organized association workers' councils, and led in holding a meeting with the men of that section. In addition he has held some revivals, given out literature, and promoted all the work. Some of the other men are aiming in the direction of the same effective program.

III

The recently published Calendar of Activities for 1944 should be posted on bulletin boards in studies, assembly rooms, and on church bulletin boards. It will be helpful.

Correction: The 100 M Club does not belong to be listed in January 1944. Just habit we suppose. The 100M Club is behind us. Doxology!

LET US HASTEN THE DAY WHEN THE "NOW CLUB" will be back of us!

IV

The following letter was recently received from Hyman Appelman, noted evangelist, with reference to his coming to Mississippi for three months in a great Soul Winning Revival, in which all Mississippi Baptists are urged to attend.

"Dear Dr. McCall:

"My wife has forwarded to you a rather exhaustive list of revival preparation suggestions. May the Holy Spirit of God lead you all out definitely in plowing up the fallow ground for our coming days of revival effort.

"I have also instructed my wife to send you a gloss photograph of myself. Your own great experience and efficiency will certainly see the necessity of such wide and varied publicity as will cover every inch of territory in your city and county, and district. The Holy Spirit of God will surely suggest to you and the other brethren many ways of preparation that are not covered in my letters. Go the limit for the Glory of God. Don't leave any stone unturned to prepare the way for the Holy Spirit. You and I have seen, alas, too many revivals ruined by niggardliness in foundation laying. If there is any way in which I can be of the slightest help do not hesitate to write me.

"Within a few days I shall send you the name of our song leader, perhaps his photograph or cut. May I have permission to bring my wife along? She is highly trained and will be a superlative help to us with the women, with the young people, in the schools and in extra services.

"God bless you in all your ways. Please keep on praying for me.

"Sincerely yours,

"HYMAN APPELMAN."

V

EXTRA SOUL WINNING SERIES: Let us not forget that our Mississippi Baptist Evangelistic Advisory Committee urges every church to plan for an extra Wintertime Soul Winning Revival series. Many gracious experiences came out of the meetings during the winter of 1943. Ask God to do it again!

VI

Miss Bess Eva Schilling
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board
Jackson, Mississippi
Dear Miss Schilling:

Beginning January 1, 1944, you will charge only the expense of the Convention Board Office against Cooperative Program, as preaching, promotional and overhead costs.

Thank you.

Signed,

Executive Secretary.

While the above letter is self-explanatory we desire to make the following comment: When we came to this office in 1939 we found four (4) items being charged against the Cooperative Program. These items were Convention Board expense, W. M. U. budget, Baptist Record deficit, and Now Club expense. In 1941 we got rid of The Baptist Record deficit as it turned to profit. Starting January 1, 1944, the W. M. U. budget becomes a State Mission item, and even the little Now Club expense existent will not be charged against the Cooperative Program, but rather to Christian Education where it belongs. We hope that the Convention Board office may be endowed some of these days to the point that this last item may be cared for in a better way.

So-called "overhead" has worried some of the brethren a great deal—we think too much. We thought as a pastor they worried too much, and frequently wrote the office to get information that it might be passed along to the people. Even so, it is well that this matter should be the object of constant study. We have been glad to make it a subject of investigation.

Under the leadership of the Lord, and with the help of the brethren, we are making progress. DOXOLOGY!

VII

Dr. Bryan Simmons manifested real Christian statesmanship and brotherhood during the Convention as he presented a constitutional provision for repealing the action of the Convention, heretofore restricting the tenure of Board members. He has also been magnanimous in his entire attitude toward the Baptist Foundation, as he has regarding other causes. Plenty of people are available to point out faults and weaknesses. We enjoy bringing out some of the fine, Christian testimony.

Mr. Leland Speed, chosen as the head of the Baptist Foundation, is an outstanding, Christian gentleman and a leader in First Baptist Church, Jackson. He provides able, consecrated, constructive, aggressive, safe leadership for this new agency. He made a good impression upon all who heard his presentation before the Convention Board.

Mr. T. A. Webb is a splendid Christian gentleman, a consecrated, constructive, leader and citizen in his community and church. We quote from a letter to his pastor, Dr. Walter L. Johnson, regarding some of the things he is thinking as to a Baptist Building:

"Dear Dr. Johnson:

"I don't know when it was that I first saw the Baptist Building in Jackson, but it impressed me because it was so much out-of-line with what I expected to see. I was further impressed as I went inside. The thought occurred to me, 'what a cheap building on such high-priced ground.'

"For years Mississippi Baptists have been heavily in debt, for first one thing and another, all good, nevertheless made mostly at a time when it seemed that it would be easy to pay, and turned out to be just the opposite. But now it looks as if we are going to get out of debt.

"I was in Jackson a few days ago. Walking up Capital Street I again

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NEW YEAR GREETINGS

We are most grateful to our many
friends who sent Christmas cards and
greetings. We are still a child about
Christmas affairs. We read every
card and thanked God for the sender.

It was impossible to reply to all of
them but we ask our friends to consider
this as our reply.

As we come to the new year many
of us have heavy hearts because of
loved ones who are facing the dangers
of war. Whichever way we turn
we see black clouds. But as Christians
we can claim the promise that
"All things work together for good to
them that love the Lord." And
though we often grope in the dark we
know that this verse is true because
we have tried it out.

There was never a night so black
but that morning came. That is true
in the Christian life. Things, times
and conditions may seem dark, dismal
and disappointing but God is on
His throne. Let's give God a chance
in our lives in 1944.

LOOKING INTO 1944

These are strange times. World-
wide war claims much of our attention.
Much of our church manpower
has been drafted. Large numbers of
our women are in some kind of war
service. But unusual conditions call
for unusual effort.

Certainly Christians will not allow
the business and industrial world to
out-do them in efforts to keep going.
Our business men and industrial
establishments are not giving up because
of difficulties. They keep trying.

1. Many churches are "hard up"
for workers in various organizations.
But God's business must go on. There
is somebody that can be enlisted.
They may not be as good as the one
who went to war, but God can use

them. Let's keep our organizations
intact.

2. If that church debt has not already
been paid, make strenuous efforts
to pay it NOW. Most likely money
will not be as plentiful again in
this generation.

3. Remember that the cost of living
his "rix." Collier's Magazine quotes
government figures showing that food
costs are up an average of 48%. In
Jackson it is more than that. It
costs your pastor more to live. "A
servant is worthy of his hire." If
your pastor is worth having, he is
worth what it costs him to live, and
a little for old age. He is probably
too modest to mention it, but many
pastors are in financial difficulty. Be
fair with your pastor.

4. Be fair with God. Many (not
all, thank God) are giving the same
now that they gave when they made
half or less than they now make. The
Bible says, "As God has prospered."

5. Let's redouble our efforts to win
the lost. It is harder now than ever.
Prosperous times are not good evangelistic
times. There are more worldly
things to combat than ever before.
Keep the evangelistic fires forever
burning. And extra efforts should
be made to win all who are likely to
be taken into the armed service. Some
of them won't come back. It's win
them now or never.

Just because we are at war is no
reason to slacken our soul winning
efforts. God is not on vacation. Un-
saved people are lost, war or peace.
People need God now as much as
ever, probably more.

So, for 1944, we urge every blood-
bought Baptist to make certain that
every unsaved person within reach is
urged to accept Jesus Christ as Lord
and Savior.

CONCERNING THE 100,000 CLUB

From various sources we have been
asked the question, "Now that South-
ern Baptists' debts are paid, what
about the 100,000 Club?"

As Baptists refuse to have over-
lords, we can only speak for ourself.
As of January first, 1944, there is
no 100,000 Club. It was organized
for a specific purpose. That pur-
pose has been accomplished.

As for me, we do not plan to make
any more contributions to the 100,000
Club. We plan to concentrate on
Mississippi Baptist debts. We are in
sight of Debtless Town and we want
to get there and the sooner we get
there the better we will like it.

As one Baptist to another, with-
out any authority over other Baptists
we urge every 100,000 Club member
in Mississippi to continue to contrib-
ute to the Now Club as heretofore
and in addition continue to give what
you have given to the 100,000 Club to
the Now Club.

LET'S PRAISE WITH KITS

Countless are the times we have
heard people express admiration for
the heroic way the Russians have de-
fended their land against the German
invaders. And they deserve every
word of it.

The Bible speaks of doers as well as
hearers. We recall the saying, "Ac-
tions speak louder than words."

Baptists now have the privilege of
giving visible evidence of their thanks
as well as doing a work of mercy for
the war-torn families of Russia. We
refer to the Kits for Russia Cam-
paign.

The plan is to send five million kits
to Russian families that have suf-
fered the ravages of war. The kits
will be packed with useful and need-
ful articles that are greatly needed.

The campaign has been presented
to the Southern Baptist Executive
Committee and unanimously en-
dorsed. Southern Baptists hope to
procure 100,000 of these kits.

Churches or individuals who fill
kits will have the name of the church
or the individual printed on the kits.

The kits are to be ordered from the
Russian Relief Agency, Atlanta, Ga.
The kits are simply substantial boxes
that will withstand shipment to
Russia. Instructions for filling will
come with the kits.

We know of no better way at pres-
ent to aid Russian Baptists than to
send kits. Surely 100,000 kits from
Southern Baptists would create a
feeling of fraternity and good will
that will far exceed the small cost.

Let's be doers as well as hearers.

ARKANSAS BAPTISTS GO THE SECOND MILE AND THE THIRD

One of the most pleasing and heart-
ening of many actions among South-
ern Baptists is the recent decision of
the Arkansas Baptist State Conven-
tion to pay its note and bondholders
the unpaid balance of 65 cents on the
dollar.

As we recall the facts, Arkansas
Baptists owed approximately \$1,000,-
000 in 1936. Receipts were not suf-
ficient to take care of the payments
as they came due.

Not at the suggestion of Arkansas
Baptists but at the suggestion of the
creditors, the bonds and notes were
paid on the basis of 35 cents on the
dollar. Many Arkansas Baptists were
greatly grieved at such a settlement
but there come times when a debt is
beyond the ability of the debtor to
pay. This was one of those times.

During the depression we know of
many business houses that settled for
five and ten cents on the dollar.
Many banks settled on similar terms.
As there seemed no other way out,
Arkansas Baptists reluctantly agreed
to settle on the basis of 35 cents on

the dollar. The Federal Court passed
on the settlement and thus the pay-
ment of 35 cents on the dollar be-
came legal.

By 1943 receipts in the State Con-
vention office had largely increased.
Therefore at the recent meeting of
the State Convention it was voted to
pay the unpaid balance of 65 cents
on each dollar of bonds and notes.

Surely this action was one that not
only brought honor to Arkansas Bap-
tists but a feeling of gratitude and
warmth to the hearts of those who
had settled for 35 cents on the dollar.

And in addition, this honest action
has given to Baptists of other states
a feeling of pride in the name Bap-
tist, and especially in the name Ar-
kansas Baptists.

"The action taken here today," Dr.
Maxfield Garrett, one of the state's
returned foreign missionaries said, in
paying tribute to the action, "is a
greater sermon than could be
preached by all the pastors in Ar-
kansas and it will echo around the
world. . . . No greater missionary
work can be done that to show the
world that Christians are not like
other men—that a Christian's word
is stronger than any law that can
bind him."

Thus our neighboring Arkansas
Baptists in voluntarily reassuming a
debt that by legal action had been
settled years ago, have shown in a
pecuniary and impressive way that
they desire to practice what they
preach.

Thank God for the Baptists of
Arkansas.

THE ANSWER IS "NO"

In an envelope postmarked, "Tut-
wiler," we received the following
letter:

"Could you spare space in your good
paper for this very timely letter en-
closed?"

Signed "A Friend."

We reproduce the letter exactly as
written.

The writer may be our friend but
we don't know it for no name was
signed to the letter.

We repeat for the nth time, WE
CANNOT USE UNSIGNED LETTERS
OR ARTICLES.

In sending in a renewal list of 15
from Hopewell church, Scott county,
Lewis Byram, pastor, W. H. Gardner,
clerk, says, "We think the Record
has helped wonderfully."

Rev. Dewey Wallis has resigned his
pastorate at West Corinth church in
order to accept the pastorate at Win-
field, Alabama.

Enlistment Pastor E. D. Estes has
sent another club of subscriptions.
This time it is the official family list
from Wood Springs church, Choctaw
county. Rev. R. O. Pittman is pastor.

Two important events from Janu-
ary 18 to February 15. See Page 7.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

(Continued from Page Three)

thought, 'what a cheap building on such valuable ground.' And as the only man to whom I have shown this letter besides you said, the frontage consumed in the opening to the stairway is probably worth some three to five thousand dollars.

"Furthermore, and I think more important, is that Baptists are supposed to be in business furthering the cause of Christianity. If local churches are considered as representative of the high cause in the communities they are located, why not more so our State Administrative Building, located in the Capital City, where the world passes by?

"I believe we would do well to take the post-war thought in feeling our people out toward the idea of erecting a modern office building, known as the Baptist Administrative Building, in the city of Jackson, Mississippi, on the lot now occupied by the old building, which is not worth much more than the cost of dismantling.

"From a financial standpoint, I believe it would pay for itself over a period of time, in addition to providing space for the state officials and their helpers. Furthermore it would be income producing property.

"If you think well enough of this idea, wish you would present it to your Board of Deacons. If they approve it, then take it up with at least Scotchie McCall, because he might know of some reason why it should not come up at this time. If he did not, I would like for you as pastor from this church, following Scotchie McCall, to present it to the Convention on the following basis:

"1. That the idea did not originate with someone having acquired more money than he presently knows how to spend, but the average fellow—one who could not be classed as a big payer, but none the less, has paid to the cause in more ways than one, every year for nigh on to 30 years. I bring this point out because I believe we should base our commitments always on the average. The large contributors help sustain the average, when averages fall below average.

"2. It would not be built now on account of war demand.

"3. But it is worth thinking about as a post-war possibility."

VII

An important 1944 goal set up by the November Convention is that of working toward every church participating in Cooperative Program support. Any member of every church may see to it that his or her church gives to all causes of Christ through this great channel. How? By giving 50c, \$1, \$5, \$10, \$100, marked "Cooperative Program," and see that it reaches this office. We will see that the various causes get it along with the tithes and offerings of thousands of other Mississippi Baptists.

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EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCE

LAUREL

January 24-26, 1944

Below we are listing the program for the first of the three-day Evangelistic Conferences being held in connection with the three months Mid-winter Soul Winning Revival with Hyman Appelman preaching.

All pastors of Southeast Mississippi are urged to be present. Your name should be sent to Dr. L. G. Gates for overnight entertainment. It is hoped that all pastors will be on hand promptly at 9:15 Monday morning, January 24, for the opening session.

The session will be held at the CIVIC CENTER, and lay church leaders, both men and women, are cordially invited to attend both the Evangelistic Conference services and the Hyman Appelman preaching hour.

The program for Laurel follows:

January 24-26, 1944

MONDAY

Morning Session

9:15—Song and Prayer—John I. Hill.
9:30—My Favorite Revival Sermon—W. A. Greene.
10:00—Gospel Message—Hyman Appelman.
11:15—Planning For Revival—O. P. Estes.
Noon.

Afternoon Session

2:25—Song and Prayer—John I. Hill.
2:30-4:30—Bible Study in Evangelism—E. F. Haight.

Evening Session

7:30
Song and Prayer Service.
Gospel Message—Hyman Appelman.

Tuesday

Morning Service

9:15—Song and Prayer—John I. Hill.
9:30—My Favorite Revival Sermon—T. D. Brown.
10:00—Gospel Message—Hyman Appelman.
11:15—Message and Methods During Revival—Norman W. Cox.
Noon.

Afternoon Session

2:25—Song and Prayer—John I. Hill.
2:30-4:30—Bible Study in Evangelism—E. F. Haight.

Evening Service

7:30
Song and Prayer Service.
Message—R. G. LeTourneau (35 minutes).
Gospel Message—Hyman Appelman.

Wednesday

Morning Session

9:15—Song and Prayer—John I. Hill.
9:30—My Favorite Revival Sermon—G. S. Jenkins.
10:00—Gospel Message—Hyman Appelman.
11:15—Conserving Results of Revival—Lowrey Compere.
Noon.

Afternoon Session

2:25—Song and Prayer—John I. Hill.
2:30-4:30—Bible Study in Evangelism—E. F. Haight.

Evening Service

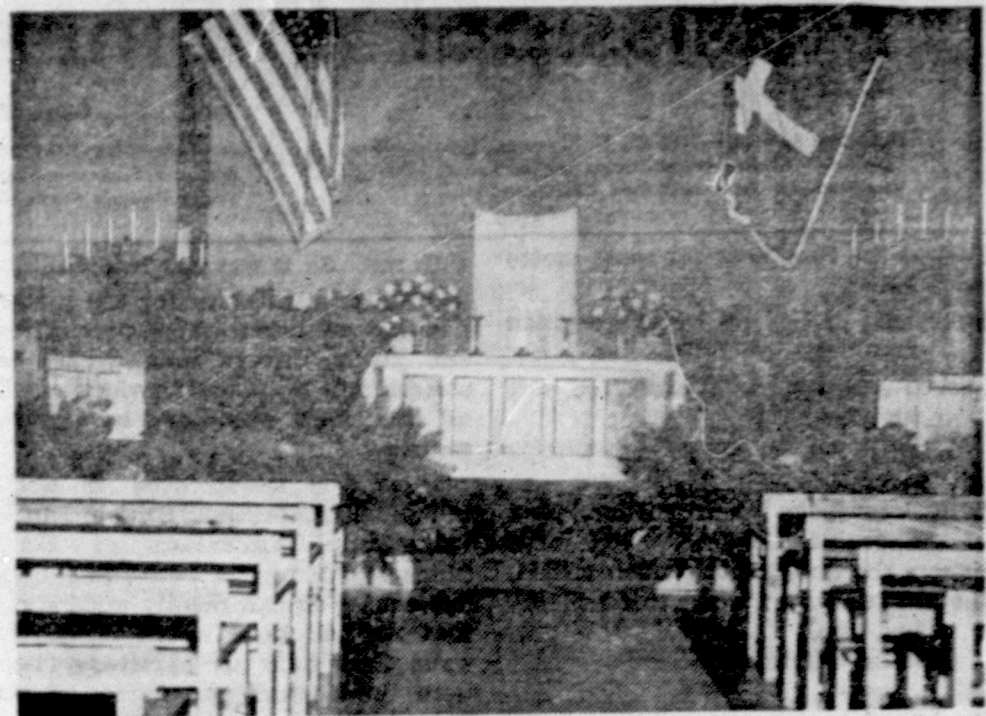
7:30
Song and Prayer Service.
Gospel Message—Hyman Appelman.

It should be understood that the revival series will continue for more than a week after the close of the Evangelistic Conference.

A GREAT MASS MEETING on Sunday afternoon at the beginning of the revival, January 23, at Laurel.

"HEAR THE JEW PREACH CHRIST."

TOUCHING THE BASES



By Fred R. Langley
Soldiers, Sailors, and Defense
Projects Service

1944

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands; one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

During the New Year it will be our aim as the field representative of Mississippi Baptists to visit the military camps and defense centers in our state. Our purpose will be to contact army chaplains and army personnel, to work with them in promoting the cause of Christ and His kingdom in military camps and defense communities.

We shall not forget our churches that are doing a commendable work among both men and women in the armed forces. At the Board meeting in December, it was recommended

NORTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH ENJOYS CHRISTMAS PAGEANT, SUNDAY NIGHT, DEC. 19, 1943

Ira F. Metts, pastor, relinquished the preaching hour to the choir, who presented "The First Noel," under the official direction of Miss Emma Maude Slaughter, church pianist.

Into the darkened building, as Miss Slaughter softly played "Silent Night," the all-girl choir dressed in white robes entered, carrying lighted candles. The choir, composed of Mrs. Ola Batton, Mrs. Mary Moak, Mrs. J. H. Robinson, Mrs. Ida Barr, Mrs. Lucille Brandon, Misses Lucille Hines, Pauline Harrison, Evelyn George, Ina Ruth McGuffie, Estelle Ferguson, Dessie Ferguson, Jeanette Moore and Celeste Neely, gave a beautiful rendition of the age-old Christmas carols, "Silent Night, Holy Night," "The First Noel," and "We Three Kings," during the entire course of the performance. The dramatic voice of Miss Lillian Wroten was heard during the entire program.

The manger was arranged in a natural setting with rustic poles, covered with hay scattered over floor and roof. Mr. E. P. Clark, who was responsible for the construction of the manger, did a very realistic piece of work.

The center of attraction was Mary, played by Mrs. J. W. Emory dressed in appropriate "Mary" costume. During the course of the pageant a blue light was played on her, adding a

that we request, since it is our duty to cover the entire state, all pastors and laymen to assist in making military contacts. Answering this request, we hope that the Baptist churches will select from their groups men and women to help make such contacts and to cooperate with the chaplains, officers and personnel in training centers nearest their churches.

Recently, through the press, startling revelations have been published regarding the findings of a national investigating committee about conditions in Mississippi.

A concerted Christian effort on the part of our churches and people can do much toward improving the moral and spiritual conditions in and adjacent to military or defense areas. With this as a goal, we pledge allegiance to God, country and to those serving during these crucial months of 1944. Faith without works is dead.

heavenly sort of atmosphere to the picture she made.

The "Angel," dressed in a costume of white, was played by Mrs. W. E. Flowers. Her beautiful soprano voice added an angelic touch to the program.

The three shepherds were played by J. E. Lane, Jan Barlow and Leonard Metts. Dressed in ancient shepherd costume complete with staff to lean upon, they entered with baskets loaded with food. They were well portrayed, these ancient shepherds who heard the angels singing and saw and followed the guiding star.

The three wise men were played by Mack Douglas, J. L. Maxwell and Quitman Steed. They entered from the rear of the building, while H. T. Harrison played the spotlight on them, as they marched up the aisle singing "We Three Kings." Dressed in the traditional "Kings" robes each presented their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Babe.

The choir softly sang "Silent Night" as the pageant ended. The congregation was dismissed and quietly marched out as reverently as the pageant was presented.

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Two important events from January 18 to February 15. See Page 7.

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Clear Creek church in Rankin county has changed their name to Puckett Baptist Church. This is a wise move as the church is located at Puckett.

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

OUR STATE OFFICERS

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Training School Trustee—Mrs. O. T. Robinson, Centerville.

I asked the New Year for some motto sweet,
Some rule of life by which to guide my feet;
I asked and paused. It answered, soft and low:
"God's will to know."

"Will knowledge then suffice, New Year?" I cried,
But ere the question into silence died,
The answer came: "Nay; this remember, too,
"God's will to do."

"To know; to do; can this be all we give
To Him in whom we are, and move, and live?
No more, New Year?" "This, too, must be your care:
God's will to bear."

Once more I asked: "Is there still more to tell?"
And once again the answer sweetly fell;
"Yes, this one thing, all other things above,
God's will to love."

—J. M. C. Bouchard.

A message has just come from Dr. J. E. Dillard saying that every penny of Southern Baptists debts have been paid! Will you bow with me in a prayer of thanksgiving and praise to our heavenly Father for this glorious triumph! He led us so triumphantly in finishing this task, we should enter joyously into the New Year with high hope of making it the most fruitful of all years.

Pontotoc, Miss.
Dec. 27, 1943

My dear Mississippi W. M. U.
Friends,

A few days ago I received a lovely book from you through Miss Traylor. I know I will enjoy The Apostle. Please accept my sincere thanks for this good book. I do so appreciate it.

At this time I do want to express to you my heartfelt thanks for your interest in me and for your prayers through the years. After internment, that is, after Pearl Harbor, we were especially conscious that we were girded by prayer day by day. We knew that His eye was upon us, and that "Lo, I am with you alway" was still true. So we just rested our hearts in Him and knew that all would be well with us.

There were 2000 in our camp. We were interned in a large Presbyterian Mission Compound. Had 16 acres inside our walls. There were large school buildings, dormitories, hospital, etc. In these we were housed, each supposed to have about 45 sq. ft. floor space. I was fortunate in being placed in a large, airy upper story class room. There were 14 of us in this room. We opened four kitchens. Ours cared for 800. I was one of the vegetable supervisors. Had around 40 women, and two men, working

with me. So it was our responsibility to prepare vegetables for 800 hungry mouths. Of course there were different shifts. Every one worked at something. No place for slackers, for all the work was done by the internees.

I, as you know, lived in North China, all Americans, British, Dutch, Norwegians, Armenians of North China and Mongolia were there, none left out. You can readily understand that we had good talent inside the walls that held us captive. There were the doctors and nurses of the Rockefeller Foundation Hospital, and our own mission doctors, good dentists, etc. Fine preachers and university professors, good musical talent, etc. So we were well cared for in these ways. Regular church services, daily vespers, Bible classes, adult education, school for children, and the like. There was a large athletic field with ball games and sports. We were determined to keep up our morale. So the days and weeks and months went rapidly by till almost two years had passed. Truly we got on quite well. But we did miss hearing from you. Oh, the joy of the day when we were transferred on to the good ship Gripsholm at Goa, India, and received hands full of letters. Home letters, letters from friends. We laughed and wept and hugged each other for joy. Of course there were sad things in some of our letters, too. We knew that the two years would necessarily bring changes. Our Father is a God of love and comfort.

This is wishing for you each Happy New Year. And may our Father be glorified in our lives during the days of this New Year. We are in a sad, sad world; may He help each of us to be a channel of blessing to others throughout the year. God bless and keep you each one is my prayer. I am truly grateful to you for the lovely book.

Very sincerely, your missionary,
PEARL CALDWELL.

You will note from the picture that the children are growing. Bob's school was out yesterday and he is quite lost today with so much time on his hands. Betty has a birthday tomorrow; she will be five and is very happy because she is old enough to go to kindergarten next year. At present she and Jean Ray are having their turn with the whooping cough. It has been quite bad with them but they are showing some improvement. We are glad that we are coming into summer time so that they can be outside. We hope soon to be able to take them to the beach. They are all very anxious to visit the States, especially Bob, as he hears so much about the war time activities, etc. There is a large number of North American children who go to his school, Crandon Institute. Many of them have come out within the last year or two.

A few facts about the work here in Uruguay: For the next three years,

FORMER ASSOCIATION SUPERINTENDENT NOW IN BOMBER GROUP

405th Fighter Bomber Group
H. Q., WAAF
Walterboro, S. C.

December 28, 1943

To All Members of the Sunflower County B. T. U. Association:

I have been keeping up with your work and the work of the state since I have been in the army, through The Baptist Record. I am now stationed at Walterboro, S. C., but as I was once the B. T. U. director of the Sunflower Association I am very much interested in the work.

I am sure you are well pleased with the fine work of your new director and I am sure you will go far this year if you will give Mrs. Pipkin your full support. I am asking that you back her to the end and keep the good work going. Let her know that you are behind her by your presence at every meeting. And do the work she asks you to do. As we say here in the army, get on the beam and stay on the beam.

When Mrs. Pipkin calls the meeting that Mr. Wilds has asked for on January 24, 1944, be there to help her. I know a little about this work and I know how hard it is if the attendance is poor. Why not make this one of the best meetings the Association has ever had? Get a big start and a good one the first meeting of '44. The old members that are in service will not be there in person but will be in spirit. We are praying that 1944 will be the best year in the history of the B. T. U. for Sunflower Association and also the state.

Looking forward to seeing the reports of great progress in the coming New Year from all the churches, I am

Yours in Christ,
CPL. JOSEPH L. JENKINS,
ASN 34612653.

unless some new missionaries are sent, there will be only two missionary couples in the country as there will be one of the three couples that are here now at home on furlough during this time. The Orricks leave in January—some of you may have an opportunity to see them during the year. The Goldfinches go next, and then the Carlises.

We have now nine Baptist churches in Uruguay. Five of these have been organized during the last three years.

There are fourteen cities which are capitals of departments in which we do not have any work yet. One of these has a population of 10,000; six have 15,000; three, 20,000 and four have 30,000 or more. There are other large towns which are not capitals and the city of Montevideo needs several more churches. Pray that the Lord send more missionaries to Uruguay.

Yours in His Service,
THE CARLISES.

STUDENT NIGHT PROGRAM PRESENTED BY BMC B. S. U.

The Blue Mountain College BSU presented a model Student Night program on December 5 in the local church. The theme of the program was "In God We Trust." Dot Lee Jefferson led the congregational singing with the college orchestra furnishing the accompaniment. After several songs had been sung, Bradford Keene led the group in prayer. A solo, "The Lord's Prayer," was rendered by June Emerson with Joan Naylor at the organ. The Scripture was read by Caroline Wren, Carolyn Powell and Sue Benson. The purpose of the program was explained by Ruth Garcia, BSU president. The purpose, plan, and power of BSU was very impressively given by Betty Gene Sauer, Florinne Williams and Marian Shaw. Following this, a sextet, Mary Frances Whitten, Ann Harpole, Lucy Owen, Joan McCarty, Jo Mullins and Louise Freeman, sang "Spirit of BSU."

The three main talks of the evening were given by Nella Dean Mitchell, Lynn Mitchell and Miss Lucy Carleton Wilds. Nella Dean greatly inspired the congregation with her experiences in "Depending on God." Lynn gave a challenging message on her experiences of "Sharing Christ Through the Church." Miss Wilds brought the closing message, pointing very vividly that we trust in God, but we triumph through Christ.

Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey pronounced the benediction.

ATTENTION 100,000 CLUB MEMBERS! J. E. Dillard

The old Southwide debt is paid. Thank God! Aren't you glad you helped? And don't you want to keep on helping? Here's how:

1. As a Southwide debt-paying agency the Club has served its purpose. But there are several states that have debts upon their institutions; in these states the Club will be continued. If you live in one of these states you will be glad to remain in the Club, keep up your dues, and help your state to score in '44.

2. If the 100,000 Club is not continued in your state to pay state debts then you will be glad to add the amount of your Club and more if you can to your subscription to the Co-operative Program so as to help your denomination pay its spiritual debt to a lost world.

Surely we will not forget our great debt to our Saviour. "Jesus paid it all; all to Him I owe." We will do all we can with all we are and have to show our love, gratitude, and loyalty to Him and His church.

Let's score in forty-four.

Two important events from January 18 to February 15. See Page 7.

GOING PLACES

Our Text: 1 Timothy 4:13a and 15b:
"Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL."
Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."



R. H. DANIEL

R. H. DANIEL JOINS 100% CLUB Bethlehem Is Number 689

Recently Rev. R. H. Daniel brought in the EVERY FAMILY list from Bethlehem church, Scott county. This entitled him to all the privileges of the 100% Club of The Baptist Record, as his other church, Ludlow, was on the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

Bethlehem is now planning to build a new church and one-half of the money is in hand and the other is in sight. The Now Club quota was paid some time ago.

Scott county has Record readers listed as follows: BETHLEHEM 33; Branch 8; FORREST 147; GOOD HOPE 44; HARPERVILLE 46; HILLSBORO 36; HOMEWOOD 12; HOPEWELL 31; LAKE 24; Line Creek 1; LUDLOW 47; MORTON 74; OAK GROVE 17; PULASKI 20; SPRINGFIELD 61; CLIFTON 57; PLEASANT RIDGE 15; Union 3, and New Home 1.

Morrison Chapel Enlarges Baptist Record List

Becomes Number 690 on List

Pastor J. W. Sturdivant, of Morrison Chapel, Bolivar county, is rejoicing over the fact that this good church has enlarged its Baptist Record list. Heretofore they have had about one-half their families. A recent list sent by Treasurer E. L. Stanton includes two-thirds of the resident families.

Morrison Chapel is one of Mississippi's better country churches and is doing a work comparable with that of many larger churches.

Bolivar county is also one of the best Baptist Record counties in the state.

Baptist Record subscribers in Bolivar county are listed as follows: Benoit 1; BOYLE 68; CLEVELAND 173; DUNCAN 29; Gunnison 1; INTERSTATE 55; MERIGOLD 34; MORRISON CHAPEL 26; Pace 7; Providence 8; ROSEDALE 18; SHADY OAK 17; Shaw 12; SHELBY 62; SKENE 41; Stringtown 1; WAXHAW 16; BOLIVAR MISSION 12.

Darlove Church Adopts EVERY FAMILY Plan Is No. 693

R. A. Langley, who recently went from Bethlehem, Hinds county, as pastor at Darlove, is running true to form. We have already received the

EVERY FAMILY list from Darlove church. The list was sent by Treasurer W. D. Jones. With Brother Langley as pastor and The Baptist Record as his assistant, we predict progress for this good church.

Record readers in Washington county are listed as follows: ARCOLA 39; CATCHINGS 21; GREENVILLE 251; HOLLANDALE 96; LELAND 167; Longwood 8; SWIFTWATER 22; JAMES 12 and DARLOVE 31.

Mrs. Vadle Sherard, treasurer, Tishomingo Chapel church, Alcorn county, recently sent in a nice list of 20 subscriptions. Such clubs of subscriptions from friends in various parts of the state help The Baptist Record circulation grow.

Record readers in Alcorn county are listed as follows: Corinth First 10; HINKLE CREEK 41; Kemp's Chapel 6; KOSSUTH 14; Liberty Hill 2; RIENZI 45; TATE STREET 69; TISHOMINGO CHAPEL 20; WEST CORINTH 45; Antioch 10; Jacinto 9, and Love Joy 2.

Sylvarena Church, Yalobusha County Sends Fifty Percent List

Brother W. E. Hudson of Sylvarena church, Yalobusha county, has sent a list of twelve subscriptions. Such faithful friends all over the state is one of the reasons The Baptist Record circulation continues to grow.

Yalobusha county has Record readers now listed as follows: COFFEEVILLE 64; New Hope 1; Oak Grove 1; OAKLAND 15; Pilgrim's Rest 8; SCOBAY 11; SYLVARENA 13; TILLATOBA 31; Water Valley 13; Wayside 6; SPRING HILL 28; CAMP GROUND 39, and Parker 1.

Highland Heights—Memphis

We spent Christmas Day at home but the next day we had the privilege of supplying for Dr. Slater A. Murphy, at Highland Heights, Memphis, Tennessee.

The house was practically full for the morning service and comfortably full for the evening service.

Highland Heights has a custom that all churches would do well to follow. Before each preaching service the deacons and pastor (or supply preacher) meet and have a real prayer service (several prayers). The deacons then occupy the front seats during the service.

A Mississippian, Brother Pleasant Tennyson, former student of Dr. D. M. Nelson when he was a Tallahatchie county school teacher, told us he was having Mississippi backbones and spareribs for dinner. We heard him the first time. He also had some good Tallahatchie ham and sausage. It was as good as the backbone.

The Highland Heights budget for 1944 totals \$46,540. Of this amount, \$20,000 is to go into the auditorium fund for use "if and when." The proposed auditorium added to the present beautiful and well-planned educational plant will make their plant a thing of joy and beauty.

During 1943 there were almost 300 additions, 116 baptized and \$40,000 in contributions.

At the evening service a young Marine came for baptism. He said that he was reared in Highland Heights community but had never joined the church. "But in a foxhole in Guadalcanal I promised God that if I ever got back I would, and here I am."

THE FOURTH WAR LOAN DRIVE

The Blue Mountain College Endowment Fund Campaign

Two Important Events

JANUARY 18 . . . FEBRUARY 15

A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO HELP YOUR CITY AND COUNTY REACH THEIR WAR BOND AND WAR STAMP QUOTAS AND, AT THE SAME TIME, COMPLETE YOUR COLLEGE'S \$200,000. ENDOWMENT FUND.

Accomplish Both Objectives with the Same Money.
Buy as Many War Bonds and Stamps as You Can.

Give Series "G" Bonds and War Stamps to The Blue Mountain College Endowment Fund.

By doing these things:

- (1) You will be helping your city and county reach their War Loan goals.
- (2) You will be helping the war effort.
- (3) You will be helping to complete the \$200,000.00 sought by your College at Blue Mountain.
- (4) You will be advancing the cause of Christian education, so vitally necessary to winning the Peace.

Uncle Sam will help you make this gift through tax exemption up to 15% of your income.

GIVE WAR BONDS, WAR STAMPS or CASH!

Members of Baptist churches, give series "G" Bonds to the endowment fund through your churches. "G" Bonds are the kind desirable for endowment. "G" Bonds are issued in amounts of \$100 and upward.

Bonds should be made to: Blue Mountain College, a corporation.

Those who can not give "G" Bond, give War Stamps.

GIVE WAR BONDS, WAR STAMPS or CASH!

Every Baptist church in Mississippi can obtain from its members the full amount needed from the church to complete the \$200,000, thus accomplishing four worthy objectives at one time. Ask your pastor to advise you the sum needed from your church to do this.

Blue Mountain College Endowment Fund Campaign

FRANK L. FAIR, General Chairman
LAWRENCE T. LOWREY, Treasurer

P.S.:

The Roll Call of Churches will be resumed in The Record next week.

CHRISTIANITY APPLIED TO GOVERNMENT A. L. May

This address was one of several good ones enjoyed by the Pastors' and Laymen's Conference, and is published by order of that body.—Editor.)

Religion is the fundamental need of the human organism just the same as food, clothing, shelter, and other wants and desires. It is the very foundation of culture. There could be no genuine culture in Japan, Germany, and other Fascist countries without true religion. Religion establishes man's superiority over animals. The enemies of this country are frequently referred to as bestial which connotes that they are certainly on the level with the beasts.

God gave Moses the laws for government. Christ implemented and fulfilled the law. Government was set to assist man in living, to offer protection and guidance in helping him to develop to the full extent of his ability. Thomas Jefferson, in the Declaration of Independence, used the phrase, "that all men are created equal." Abraham Lincoln, in his Gettysburg Address, among other things, said, "conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal." Many of us give lip service only to equality among men. Many of us do not believe it. Some of us think ourselves better than others. Some nations think themselves better than others. Some races think themselves better than others. Some churches think themselves better than others. However, government, as given by Moses and perfected on down through the ages, has been to assist humanity and safeguard his interests against those forces of evil, greed, and selfishness, and provide equal opportunity.

The Christian principle was in the establishment of government and is the guiding principle of the Constitution and all other forms of government. It is a Christian principle that is being put into effect in this country now in making it impossible for certain individuals to pile up vast resources. Ceiling prices, rationing, limiting the production of certain things, and curtailing certain privileges are a final result of the application of this principle. There is no respecter of persons in the application of these principles except where they are violated by greedy and un-Christian-like officials.

In Christianity are God's standards for civil leadership. Government was ordained of God. Governmental offices are sacred trusts. Solomon said, "It is not for kings to drink wine lest they forget the law." There is no moral discernment among law makers who drink or whose minds are not in harmony with the Christian principle. The United States Senate would probably have voted millions of dollars a few days ago for education throughout the United States if their thinking had been in harmony with the Christian principle. The whole principle behind this appropriation was to equalize educational opportunity throughout the country, to give every boy and girl and every person an equal opportunity to develop himself to his fullest capacity as was stated in the Gettysburg oration and is being proclaimed by all

lovers of free men today.

The social gospel of the church gave inspiration in the development of democracy in preserving the principle of respect for the individual and for the welfare of the individual. It has been very instrumental in doing away with the principle of laissez-faire. Laissez-faire, as originally applied, was interpreted to mean that government was set up to protect business interests, to enable persons to make profit, but never had as its purpose to safeguard individual persons. The gospel of Christ has done away with this idea largely.

The Christian principle has been extended in governmental affairs to a big extent since the Constitution was written in this country. Such men as Jefferson, Lincoln, Jackson, Wilson, and the Roosevelts have expanded the ideal of democracy. Slaves have been freed, women have been given the right to vote, child labor laws have been passed, juvenile delinquency statutes have been enacted, and rights of suffrage have been extended. Then Roosevelt comes along with his great humanitarian program providing assistance and opportunity for the masses of the people. Laboring classes, the farmer, and other groups have been given consideration. Provisions have been made to prevent greedy men from establishing vast resources at the expense of the common man. This whole social program has been given momentum, and much good will eventually be the outcome to all the people, and all of this putting the Christian principle into application and is making a provision for the ideal of equal opportunity for all men.

It would be very difficult for judges in our courts to interpret the laws when in their thinking they are not in harmony with the Christian principle. The executives and officials can not command the respect of the citizens when they have joined themselves with wicked and lawless men. Such officials are more apt to wink at such crimes as gambling, drinking, graft in office, and other types of lawlessness. If they were endowed with the Christian principle to the point of exerting action, many of these evils would be done away with.

The Christian principle has been referred to. What is the Christian principle? Throughout the Christian teaching of the Bible will be seen such words as truth, honesty, application of the Golden Rule, love toward God and to fellow men, service to God and to the social order, fair treatment, justice, peace and temperance. These and many others make up the Christian principle.

As Christian people we must not make the mistake we did twenty-five years ago. Many Christians and Christian churches were so glibly as to accept the idea of pacifism and isolation when saboteurs were working among us. Christian people must be wise and take the stand that Christ did when He drove the money changers out of the temple. We must take an active part at the peace table when this war is over so that we can put into practice the Christian principle in world government. It will be only when the Christian principle is put into effect in the governments of the world, backed up with sound judgment and force if necessary, that we can have peace throughout the land.

WOUNDED SOLDIER GIVES MESSAGE

Lt. John Bell Williams, of Raymond, Miss., lone survivor of a plane in which the remainder of the crew lost their lives, gave the following message at the Intermediate B. T. U. flag presentation at the Salem Baptist Church. Lt. Williams had one hand blown off, both legs broken, and other injuries.

"A quick perusal of modern history will reveal that our nation came to be in existence as a result of a people's fighting for certain fundamental rights that they believed to be theirs—the rights that we now term our 'Four Freedoms'—freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom from fear, and freedom from want; and when our forebearers determined the laws and rules under which the affairs of this nation were to be regulated in the future, they were very careful to include these rights in their code of government, and to regard them as inalienable—to be the standard by which the then new government would operate for all time to come.

"A further look into history will show that at more or less regular intervals, it has developed upon this nation to take extreme measures to protect the principles hereinbefore mentioned—even to the point where bloodshed became necessary; where women were called upon to sacrifice their sons, husbands, and loved ones, and men were called upon to sacrifice their very lives in the cause that they believed to be right.

"This is one of those times.

"Men are being called upon to study the grim, unpleasant art of killing a practice that violates all of the doctrines and dogma set forth in the code of Christian civilization—so that they may be able to meet a cunning and ruthless enemy on even terms; they are being called upon to shed their life's blood on foreign battlefields; to suffer pain and hardships beyond any they have ever had occasion to suffer before; and even to die, if need be, for these things that we, as Christians, believe in, and shape our future by.

"Eight months ago the horrors of war were brought home to me with a cruel suddenness. I was en route to perform a job bigger than anything I had ever been called upon to do before. With me were four fine young men—and I feel that I need not apologize for saying that they were four of the finest that I had ever known—boys who had laid aside promising careers in order that they might take part in this crusade against what we, and they, believed to be the forces of evil. At a remote air base in South America, these boys paid the supreme sacrifice in behalf of this cause.

"The sacrifice that I made is so insignificant by comparison that I feel it hardly worthy of mention here.

"But this sudden turn of events brought me to the realization that there are many things in life far more important than death or individual suffering—I learned that when a man sees the door of life being closed in his face and feels the cold hand of death on his brow, he forgets the things in life that to him have previously seemed of so much import, and begins to see them in the light of triviality. Instead, he

begins to sense the true value of things spiritual; the greatness of the God that created him; and to sense his ingratitude to that Great Benefactor; and to wonder how he could have overlooked the really great things in life in his quest for worldly happiness.

"I knew then that was what the boys thought of as they lay in their foxholes at Bataan; how the boys felt when their ships were blasted from under them at Midway and in the Coral Sea; the thoughts that trickled with the rivers of blood down the beaches at Salerno; and thoughts racing through the minds of men everywhere in this global conflict.

"They are thinking of greater things than just the preservation of their lives—they are hoping to get this nightmare that is war behind them and to return to their homes where they may enjoy those four freedoms that they are fighting for; they want things at home to be as they left them—that they may go to the houses of God and worship Him in their chosen manner; they're thinking of their loved ones that they left behind, and hoping that they will be there when they return, to give them comfort and solace and to help them revert to their former way of living.

"That is why the folks at home must keep the home fires burning. They must not lose sight of the real things that their loved ones are fighting for, and they must preserve those things that are our heritage and this nation's salvation.

"It is not within the power of mortals to do all this alone. Therefore it becomes necessary for all of us to unite in earnest prayer for those things that we hold dear in life. The boys over there don't want you to pray for their lives—they have long since learned that life is subordinate to their spiritual welfare—and they want you to pray for that. It is the duty of the people at home to create a better world for their sons and daughters to come back to and live in. Let us create this through the medium of our churches. May the flag of our nation march alongside the banner of the churches of God to our inevitable victory, and may they never be separated even after victory is ours and the fight has long since been forgotten! In that way, and that way alone, can the people back home prove that they are worthy of the sacrifices that their men and women are making on the fields of battle.

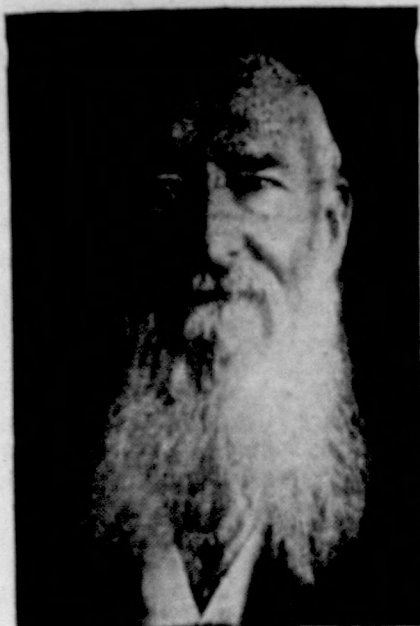
"Each star on this flag represents a man or woman who has put his or her life in jeopardy in order to preserve the Christian civilization of this country and the entire world. Wherever they are, they're thinking of home, and relying on those they love to have a better world for them to come home to. In the name of God; in the name of our country; in the name of every man and woman represented by a star on this flag—please don't let them down!"

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Dr. John I. Hill, book editor of the Sunday School Board, has been made a member of the National Advisory Committee of Allied Youth, Inc. This organization seeks to educate young people, especially those of high school age, against the evils of alcohol.



JAMES GARVIN CHASTAIN
A.B., Th.M., D.D.
Dec. 18, 1853 Dec. 18, 1943
Ninety Years of Age
Seventy Years in the Ministry
Forty Years a Missionary

HOW ONE FEELS AT NINETY
How to Reach Advanced Age
Begin early to take care of health. Learn the laws of hygiene and obey them strictly, until it becomes a fixed habit. The good Lord started us in life with healthy bodies and has bountifully supplied us with three health-giving elements; pure air, pure water and life-giving sunshine. By failing to appropriate the elements in sufficient measure, many people become anemic. Even greater mortality results from neglect of diet, and other health habits. Statistics show that within the last ten years angina has increased 144%, due mainly to worry, excessive flesh and the use of tobacco. The world has gone mad on the use of whisky and tobacco. These two vices are collecting from a people a fabulous toll, in the form of money and morals, health, happiness and life. The only safeguard against these two deadly enemies is total abstinence from their use. It seems that our Creator desires longevity for people. "The days of our years are threescore years and ten." Every person has a mission of love and service to his Maker and to needy people. He requires many years to finish his mission.

A Life Career

This nonagenarian was born and reared on a farm. At the age of twenty, the Lord called him into the gospel ministry, the highest office ever occupied by man. Having graduated from college and seminary, he received a second call, this time as missionary to Mexico (1888). Here he and his colleagues won multitudes of converts, organized churches and trained native preachers to serve them. Time and again he was in imminent danger of his life at the hands of infuriated mobs. Finally, driven out by a Mexican revolution, the missionary gave ten years to the Spanish work in Cuba and Florida.

Having passed his threescore and ten, and being still in good health, he reluctantly withdrew from the board and from that field (1927), but did not retire from the work. Since that date he has done some of the best work of his life. As opportunity presented, using two languages, English and Spanish, he has preached to three races—whites, Negroes and Mexicans—and is still at it.

During these busy years he has



TEXAN ACCEPTS WEST LAUREL PASTORATE

Rev. Gerald Riddell, pastor of the Melwood Baptist Church of Brownwood, Texas, has accepted the call of the West Laurel Baptist Church, in Laurel, Mississippi, and moved to his new field January first.

Brother Riddell is a graduate of Howard Payne College, and the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served the Brownwood church since his graduation from the seminary in 1941. He is a grandson of a pioneer preacher on the plains of Texas, and son of one of the district missionaries in Texas.

Mrs. Riddell will be remembered in Mississippi as the former Miss Virgie Marion Therrell, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Therrell of Sandersville, Miss. They have two small sons, Jerry Don and Johnnie. Mrs. Riddell worked with both the Sunday school and the Training Union departments in the state of Mississippi during her school days in Mississippi Southern, and Southwestern Seminary.

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SOUTHWESTERN BIBLE CONFERENCE MEETS JAN. 16-23

The annual Southwestern Bible Conference, Dr. M. E. Dodd, director, will be held in Shreveport, First church, January 16-23, 1944. Some of the speakers are: Dr. John A. Bradbury, editor of the Watchman-Examiner; Dr. W. O. Carver, Louisville, Kentucky; Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Atlanta, Georgia; Dr. Dan Gilbert, Washington, D. C., and Dr. H. Augustine Smith, Boston, Mass.

On Monday and Tuesday, January 17 and 18, special conferences will be conducted, for pastors, evangelists and other ministers. Shreveport Baptists will entertain the visiting ministers for bed and breakfast, Monday night and Tuesday night. Those

taken time to write four much needed religious books—Thirty Years in Mexico, and History of the Huguenots with Chastain Family Tree. In Spanish, Comentario sobre el Pentateuco, and Comentario sobre el Evangelio de Lucas.

He was fortunate in his marriage and is happy in his children and grandchildren, also in his friends, who, he flatters himself, are legion.

He keeps young, busy and happy—expects to die young.

Buena Vista, Virginia, Dec. 18, 1943. Dr. Chastain took an active part in organizing the National Baptist Convention in Mexico, wrote its constitution in Spanish (1903) and served the Convention as president from 1910 to 1912.

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Dr. Chester M. Savage

Called And Accepted

Gerald Riddell, West Laurel, Laurel, Miss.
A. C. Abney, Marianna, Fla.
Loyd L. Shelton, Crowder, Miss.
B. P. Hardin, Sturgis, Miss.
Ed F. Harness, Dewar, Okla.
Robert Daniel, Evans Ave., Fort Worth, Texas.
C. M. Crosswy, Central, Tarrant City, Ala.
E. B. Hicks, Harmony, N. C.
Enon Boyette, Central, Wisner, La.
W. R. Grigg, Southside, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Tanis-Fontenot, Church Point, La.
Harry Hunt, Pocahontas, Ark.
Thomas L. Harris, Camden, Ark.
J. H. Knight, Mableton, Ga.
C. E. Sneed, West, Millen, Ga.
W. O. McClung, Toombsboro, Ga.
A. V. Pickern, 2nd, Griffin, Ga.
J. M. Wilson, Terra Cela, Fla.
L. L. Scott, Covington, Okla.
J. W. McKinney, Bowlegs, Okla.
John Matheisen, Paden, Okla.
Starling Bynum, Choteau, Okla.
Charles Ray, County Line, Okla.
Ben Smith, Pharaoh, Okla.
Bill Trice, Faxon, Okla.

wishing accommodations will notify Rev. Carl D. Mauzy, chairman, Box 16, Shreveport 80, Louisiana.

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Bob Glasgow, Dawson, Tulsa, Okla.

Resigned

Gerald Riddell, Melwood Avenue, Brownwood, Texas.
A. C. Abney, East Hill, Pensacola, Fla.
Loyd L. Shelton, Cartersville, Hattiesburg, Miss.
Ed F. Harness, 2nd, Warren, Ark.
Harold Drennan, Hebronville, Tex.
Enon Boyette, Mixon, La.
W. R. Grigg, Caroleen, N. C.
C. M. Crosswy, Sylacauga, Ala.
Harry Hunt, Edgewood, Texas.
Thomas L. Harris, First, North Little Rock, Ark.
D. M. White, Grandview, Atlanta, Ga.
A. V. Pickern, Juliette, Ga.
M. S. Overby, New Hope, Smithville, Ga.
J. L. King, West Norfolk, Norfolk, Va.
J. H. Knight, Ellijay, Ga.
I. R. Baker, Campostella, Norfolk, Va.
L. L. Scott, Nicoma Park, Okla.
J. J. Franklin, 2nd, Ponca City, Okla.
Bob Glasgow, Douthat, Okla.
Ben Smith, Preston, Okla.
Starling Bynum, Locust Grove, Okla.

**1943 September, October 1943
1942 November, December 1942**

COMPARISONS

Because Mississippi Baptists gave three-quarters of a million dollars to all "outside" causes the last Convention year we will have to consecrate ourselves to a great work if we keep ahead of the same months of the preceding year.

WITNESS THE FOLLOWING:

	Cooperative Program	Miscellaneous	Now Club & 5M Club	TOTALS
1943—September	\$30,563.51	\$24,672.13	\$11,561.34	\$66,796.98
1942—September	20,107.03	14,346.06	8,903.80	43,356.89

GAIN \$10,456.48 \$10,326.07 \$ 2,657.54 \$23,440.09

Here we witness a gain in EVERY column next to the last month of the last Convention year.

AGAIN, WITNESS THE FOLLOWING:

1943—October	\$30,858.19	\$40,803.19	\$14,231.21	\$85,892.59
1942—October	22,870.15	31,720.02	15,360.72	69,950.89

Total gain and loss \$ 7,988.04 \$ 9,083.17 (L) \$ 1,129.51 \$15,941.70

We note gains made in every column save the Now Club.

We turn to a picture not so good now.

1943—November	\$21,471.45	\$31,141.33	\$ 6,592.99	\$59,205.77
1942—November	12,224.76	54,906.74	13,549.61	80,681.11

Gains & Loss \$ 9,246.69 (L) \$23,765.41 (L) \$ 6,956.62 (L) \$21,475.34

Here we gain only in the Cooperative Program column. We lost in three columns.

But, straighten up—here comes the best month since 75 MILLION Campaign days.

1943—December	\$29,601.81	\$57,798.03	\$12,874.68	\$100,274.52
1942—December	24,767.52	43,377.38	16,000.31	84,145.21

GAIN \$ 4,834.29 \$14,420.65 (L) \$ 3,125.63 \$ 16,129.31

For the first time in many years, receipts go over \$100,000 for a single month. This means more gospel preached at home and around the world. More of other Scriptural exercises also.

However, for four months we have lost in NOW CLUB receipts. WE MUST DO BETTER THAN THAT TO GO OUT OF DEBT IN 1944.

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Box 530 Jackson, 105, Miss.

DEPARTMENT OF TRAINING

AUBER J. WILDS
State Secretary

Box 530
Jackson, 105, Miss.

Miss Sara Wallis
Associate

This Is 1944

Yes, this is 1944. It is the first time your Training Union secretary has written it. This is the evening of December 31st, and not many hours before 1943 will be history and 1944 will just be born. It is well that we cannot know now what a year will bring forth, because that would lessen the challenge for us. As it is, we enter this new year as we would enter a National Park; one we had never entered before. All of its beauty and thrills are yet to be experienced. The mountains, the valleys, the temptations (to pluck flowers or gather stones) the variety and all hold charm for us. Why not enter with the determination to "see it all," make the best of our opportunities, get all we can of good while it lasts, for we may not have the privilege of visiting (the park) again, and we surely will never have the privilege of living 1944 but this once. Will 1945 find you a bigger, finer, Christian? Will you be able to look back upon it and say, "I did what I could for Christ and I am so happy that I bought up the time." There will be as many opportunities as you make for yourself, not many more. You will find them in your home, your neighborhood, your church and especially in your association. Do you really want to do a good job for Christ this year? He will open up the way as you start on the way. For instance, would you like to help a weak church in the association get some training union work started? Talk to the Lord about it, and if the impression comes grab the idea as your opportunity. No, you do not have to have a car. Walking isn't crowded, and there are others who have cars who will be glad to cooperate with you in carrying out this plan of being a missionary. 1944 will be what we make it, hence my good wish is that you "Lift up your eyes and look upon the field which is white already to harvest, and pray that the Master will send forth laborers (YOU) into the field."

What Next?

In asking the question, "What next?" I am thinking of our statewide simultaneous associational meetings scheduled for January 24th. We are so anxious that all of our associations cooperate in this statewide program. The plan is for each association to have the meeting from 7-9 p. m. Monday, January 24th, with the officers of the association, or others who may be asked to serve in their stead, putting on the program. Each department should be presented in a ten minute period. This can be made so interesting and helpful that it will make this meeting the one which will live in the memory of those who attend. For instance, during the state convention last week the southwide department leaders demonstrated to us just how this program could be presented in a novel way. Dr. Hudson had six adults take two minutes each and discuss different features of the B. A. U. The Young People's department was presented by Miss Tedder who had six or eight others to stand with flash cards as

certain features of the B. Y. P. U. were mentioned by her. Mr. Rogers had eighteen Intermediates helping him, they had a "school room skit." First they had their "arithmetic lesson"; in this he asked how many churches in Mississippi (had a member write it on the black board) then how many of these churches had an Intermediate union, etc. Then they had their history lesson in which he asked questions about the growth of the Intermediate work, then a lesson in geography, then one in spelling, then one in reading. This was a very novel way of getting the facts over to the people. Miss Griffin made a talk about the Junior work and Miss Arnote had us go through a five minute period that would be just as it would be done in a Story Hour. Just such a program (which all together lasted an hour) could be put on in each of our associations. Each department leader in the association will have to get busy right now, though, if such a program is to be given January 24th.

Is This Asking Too Much?

Please (somebody, anybody) send the Training Union Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., the name of the church in which the meeting on January 24th will be held. We have programs and other materials we desire to send to the host church for use on this evening. We will not object to several of you writing about the same association. If you do not know where it will be, please inquire—grab the telephone right now and see if you can get this information and send it to us.

Yes, It Was a Grand Convention

You should have been there. Calvary church Jackson gave us a warm welcome. No detail was overlooked for our entertainment, and it was all done with such ease and with such pleasure. Every one on duty seemed to rejoice in the opportunity of serving and we are deeply indebted to Calvary and especially to the committees who served. Homes and to spare had been secured, the noon day meal served on Thursday was appreciated by all, and wasn't it a happy occasion with Mr. Love, educational director of First church, Jackson, leading us in those splendid choruses, and Brother Enete with Sammy to entertain us. My, but the music all the way through the convention was so good, with Tommie Talbert at the piano or organ, Brother Bob Crawford leading the singing and Mary Nell Thornton bringing the violin meditation at the close of each session, and the speeches, and the conferences, and the contests and drills, and the talent parade. Each session got a good start as the Lord spoke to us out of His word and as we lifted our hearts in prayer to Him. It was a great meeting. We are indebted to the Southwide Training Union department for six of their group who were with us all day Friday. The days will be remembered by all who were privileged to attend. Miss Mary Alice Byrd, Crystal Springs church, Walthall county, won the Sword Drill

SOUTHERN SEMINARY STUDENTS ELECT OFFICERS

The Mississippi students at the seminary and training school in Louisville, Kentucky, have had several group meetings this year. In September they had a prayer meeting in the Norton hall sun parlor. On October 12 they had an excellent party, with forty-two Mississippians present. (There are thirty-five seminary students, three training school boarding students and five seminary students' wives in school at this time, and twelve wives not in school—a total of fifty-five Mississippians!)

At the first missionary day meeting of the year, October 13, the group elected the following officers:

President—Bill Drummond, Memphis (Mississippi College graduate).

Vice-president—Bill Bean, Springfield, Mo. (Mississippi College graduate).

Treasurer—Alvin Collins, Myrtle.

Reporter—Orman McDonald, Meridian.

Chorister—J. L. Moran, Picayune.

Pianist—Pauline Moore, Newton.

Ethyl McKeithen of Meridian gave a talk on alcohol education.

At the second missionary day meet-

and Miss Helen McCool of Leland won the Young People's speaking. These two will be privileged to represent Mississippi in the Southwide contests at Ridgecrest next July. Dr. J. Niles Puckett of Brooksville was elected to the office of president; Rev. Robert (Brother Bob) Crawford, of Van Winkle, was elected vice president, and Miss Jean Ridgeway of Calvary Jackson was chosen as secretary.

KNOW YOUR BIBLE

(Correct answers on Page Fifteen.)

1. What law in the Bible would you refer to for any ruling that could not be changed?

2. Did the Christian era (Anno Domini) begin with the birth of Christ or was it known before His birth?

3. In Psalm 148:14 we read "He that exalteth the horn of his people." If asked to explain this what would your answer be?

4. The work of an "apothecary" (or druggist) is found in many verses in the Old Testament. What was the exact meaning of "apothecary" and his duties?

ing, November 11, Chaplain E. E. Smith, Bowman Field, former professor of religious education in the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary of Chicago, brought a message on "The Problems of the Chaplaincy."

Twenty of the boys are pastors of churches in nearby Kentucky, Indiana and Tennessee. The others work in various Louisville churches, as do the training school students. Some of the wives are church secretaries, some are school teachers, and some hold stenographic and other jobs.

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ALL SOUTHWIDE DEBTS PAID

The following telegram is self-explanatory:

"NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

DECEMBER 29, 1943

"DR. D. A. MCCALL, BAPTIST HEADQUARTERS: CHECK MAILED TODAY PAYING LAST DOLLAR OF SOUTHWIDE DEBT. HALLELUJAH! (SIGNED) J. E. DILLARD."

We immediately sent the following message:

"Dear Dr. Dillard: Your telegram just received. Congratulations to you and your associates. You have led in, and conducted a great campaign for the payment of Southwide debts. Victory is sweet.

"I am happy to enclose our check No. 618 in the amount of \$2,366.10 the ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND CLUB balance on these Southwide debts.

"Blessings upon you.

"D. A. MCCALL."

Mississippi Baptists join all Southern Baptists in the abundant joy that accompanies this great victory. Mississippi Baptists are glad to have had a part in this great work.

NOW, Mississippi Baptists are ready to concentrate still more upon the payment of our own Convention debts. We assuredly expect VICTORY in this during the present year—1944. Victory will come as we pray, promote, persist and pay.

YOURS, FOR VICTORY IN HIS NAME,

Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

Jackson, 105, Mississippi
Box 530

Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary

MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary

THE NEW YEAR

A Happy New Year To All!

This is the very fervent wish of the Sunday School Department to all our people everywhere.

May it bring richest blessings to each of you from the Giver of every good and perfect gift.

May your joys in the Lord be abundant. May material and spiritual blessings be given to each in the measure needed. May happiness increase to all. May lost people find Jesus. May Christians be strengthened in the inner life. May happiness come because of greater service rendered in the Name above every name.

Yes, and may this New Year bring the peace to this old troubled and war-torn world that many are praying for every day.

May the God of all Grace give wisdom and guidance to all those who have unusual leadership responsibilities, and who must have divine guidance if grievous errors are avoided.

How glorious to know that we have a Father who not only wants to help us, but who also is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we can even think.

He will help us if we will only give him the chance. He knows how. We don't. Our view is often narrow and circumscribed, his is the far one, even seeing the end from the beginning.

We say Happy New Year—and we mean it—but we also full well realize that there can be no genuine and permanent happiness outside of and apart from God. Happiness is from within. It is not to be secured from without, although we spend much time and effort striving to get it at places other than its source.

To one and all we say again Happy New Year!!

To Our Superintendents

As we begin this new calendar year our minds naturally turn to our hundreds of Sunday School superintendents scattered over all the state of Mississippi. How grateful we are for them! There is the great responsibility, and the glorious opportunity, to help their people in the study each week of God's Book. This is true from the tiny tots in the Nursery Class to the oldest men and women that can attend services at church, and even for those who cannot attend, but who can get the spiritual ministry of the Sunday School through the Extension department.

The opportunity is indeed great for soul winning, for teaching, for development, for aiding in every part of the program of the church.

The year 1943 was a great one in many ways. The Lord was good to us, as he always is. But we feel that he wants us to do even more for his cause than we did last year. The need is urgent; time is rapidly passing; every moment's delay means ruin for some one. God's time is always NOW.

Therefore, brother superintendent, we hope sincerely that your plans are already in the making for greater things in your Sunday school this New Year than in 1943, no matter how fine it was then.

What Things?

What are some of the major items a Sunday school superintendent should plan for in his school?

Among many, certainly these: reach more people, do better teaching through training and study, win all the lost possible, have definitely planned programs for all workers meetings, a Vacation Bible school, at least one study course and two if possible, a Cradle Roll, an Extension department, a standard Sun-

day school, some standard classes and departments.

These are among the principal things a superintendent should plan for each year.

Suppose you check over this list and see how many of them you have already, or have done, and then map out a calendar of activities for your school for 1944 and go just as far as you can toward reaching them.

Call a meeting of your officers and teachers and present to them some definite objectives that you think will help your school and get them to commit themselves to cooperate in this program. Have one or more definite objectives each month. Then at your teachers' meeting or workers' council check up on these month by month and see just how far you have gone on your program. It will certainly help mightily to be aiming at SOMETHING each month.

The Best We Can

So many people content themselves by saying they are going to do the best we can.

We are not here arguing whether or not we can ever do the best we can, but we are saying that this indefinite way of talking and doing often hurts our work. Instead, let us pick out certain things to work toward each month and do our very best to do it. It's a whole lot better for me to say I'll try to get Jim Smith to come to Sunday school next Sunday than to say I'll just do the best I can, which usually means nothing definite and results in the same.

Therefore, make January STANDARD month. Get that out of the way the very first month of the new calendar year and then go forward the other months to other matters.

But, be definite each month. Have at least ONE item you are going to give special attention to. It will help greatly and your work will grow because you are aiming at SOMETHING.

—BR—

Dr. W. T. Lowrey has been second to none in his influence over the men and women who have made Baptists the leading religious force in Mississippi. A book from him is welcomed by a wide circle of admirers. He was for fifty years a leader among the educational forces of the state, and for much of this time president of three Baptist colleges. His former students in Blue Mountain and Mis-

DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR January

Evangelism—

Soul Winning Revival—January 23-February 6—Laurel.

Hyman Appelman, Evangelist.

Three-Day Evangelistic Conference—January 24-26—Laurel.

Cooperative Program Emphasis.

Now Club Emphasis.

Tithes and Offerings.

Daily Bible Reading.

Mississippi Baptists will owe no MORE November First, 1944.

S. S.—Statewide Associational Officers Meeting.

W. M. U.—Institutes for Study of W. M. U. Year Book.

B. T. U.—Statewide Simultaneous Meetings January 24.

Associational Executive Committee Meetings.

Church Loyalty Campaign.

Denominational Day, January 23.

Church School of Missions.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST KIT CAMPAIGN

Do not become discouraged when you fail to find all the items suggested for your Russian kit. Some substitutes can be made—for instance instead of cube sugar we can use two pounds of loose sugar in a box. Housewives can supply from their sewing baskets the material for the sewing kit, if unable to buy. For laundry soap we suggest Ivory or Swan. If steel crochet and knitting needles cannot be found substitute plastic.

As soon as we hear from Southern Baptist Kit Committee regarding other substitutes, if we have to make them, we will give you this information through the Record. Please order your kits from:

Southern Baptist Kit Committee
215 Mortgage Guarantee Building
Atlanta, Ga.

and begin collecting your material immediately.

Mississippi Baptists cannot and will not fail to do their proportionate share for suffering Russians.

Mrs. J. A. Anderson,
State Chairman, Kit Campaign For Russia.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST KIT CAMPAIGN FOR RUSSIA

January 15-30, 1944

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

What To Put In A Kit

The Russian War Relief, in consultation with the Soviet Red Cross, has made up a list of much needed items. It is essential that we do not deviate from this list. It is suggested if a committee can not obtain any one of these items they may duplicate others from the list in order to fill the kit. Here is the list:

1—2-lb. box, cube sugar or 2 1-lb. boxes or loose sugar in a small box.

2—2½-oz. packages dehydrated soup mix.

1—14½-oz. can evaporated (not condensed) milk.

2—packages bouillon cubes (10 cubes).

1—1-lb. package hard candies (not peanut bars or milk chocolate).

1—small sewing kit (assorted needles and pins rolled in a small square of cloth, one spool each of black and white cotton thread; and one packet of buttons on card or thread). If not available in stores ask housewives to share from their sewing baskets.

2—bars white laundry or bath soap (not naphtha or other odorous soaps). Wrap the soap in heavy waxed paper so that the odor will not permeate the candy.

1—crochet needle, size 7.

1—pair knitting needles, size 3, 7 inches long.

1—pair knitting needles, size 3, 10 or 12 inches long.

1—2½-yard roll 1-inch surgical adhesive tape.

1—6-yd. roll 2-inch gauze bandage.

After packing the kit in order to make it absolutely tight pack on top a towel or pair of warm cotton gloves or socks. The committee of the Southern Baptist Convention asks that no money be sent as this is only an appeal for items above listed.

Note to local committees: May we suggest that you have a large number of this sheet mimeographed and passed out to each group that is filling a kit so they may know exactly what to put in a kit?

For further information address:

SOUTHERN BAPTIST KIT COMMITTEE

215 Mortgage Guarantee Bldg.

Atlanta, Ga.

How to Assemble a Kit

1. Assemble the carton by fastening it together with gummed paper tape.

2. Place articles in kit so they will not move about. Fill empty spaces with soft hand towel, work gloves. THE KIT MUST NOT RATTLE.

3. Fasten securely.

4. A Sunday school class, or any group may write a brief message and place it in each kit.

How and Where to Ship Kits

1. Secure from merchants a good strong paper carton large enough to hold 10 to 20 kits.

2. Pack kits in large cartons.

3. Fasten securely with tape and tie with heavy cord.

4. Ship to (if east of Mississippi river):

RUSSIAN WAR RELIEF

Warehouse

401 Washington St., New York, N. Y.

(If west of Mississippi river):

RUSSIAN WAR RELIEF

Warehouse, 50 N. W. 14th Ave., Portland, Ore.

Must ship by railroad or motor truck freight.

5. A single packed kit weighs about 7 pounds. Cost of shipping a single kit varies from 10 to 20 cents each in 100-pound lots, which, we hope, can be paid by each organization. Otherwise, you may ship collect by freight.

6. Notify warehouse when shipped.

Mississippi College will recall his chapel talks which gave impetus and directions to their moral, spiritual and intellectual energies. They will be glad that by the aid of his wife much of the substance of these lectures has been gathered together and put into enduring form in a book. The title of the book is "Life From Forty-Seven Viewpoints." It is a cause for gratitude that these lectures have been made available to this generation.

At its recent meeting the Foreign Mission Board appointed Mrs. Jack Kilgore as a missionary to Argentina, with her husband, who had been appointed at a previous meeting of the Board. Mrs. Kilgore was before her marriage, Miss Clara Barbara Schmickle of Springfield, Missouri.

Get the book from the Baptist Book Store, for yourself and others. The price is \$1.00—P. I. Lipsey.

CHOCTAWS IN ANNUAL MEETING



Above are seen officers and members of the Choctaw Indian Women's Association. The acting president and the secretary are seen at the left. Many have their Bibles with them.

Colorful was the annual session of the Choctaw Indian Baptists in Leake county, for the brilliant dresses of the women were in gay relief against the autumn woods around the New Hope church. The hillside was covered with Choctaws, and the church was full. Possibly there were four times as many as could get into the building.

The men held their annual session inside, and the women met under the trees. At the men's meeting offerings were taken for foreign, home and state missions, the orphanage, and aged ministers, as well as for associational minutes. An old deacon stated that offerings this year were almost twice what he had ever known before.

The money was placed on the table, and in the sight of all, the deacons counted it, and record was made. Careful minutes indicated they considered the work of their Master as important. The secretary of the women asked the guests, Mrs. Tom Barnett of Carthage, Miss Edna Hickman of the state W. M. U. office, and Mrs. Scotchie McCall, wife of the Mississippi Missions Secretary, to sign their names "so the spelling would be correct" in the records. One of the deacons asked the visitors to speak to the women. The men did the public talking even at the women's meeting when the guests were present. Dinner was served about 3 p. m. It was cooked in huge washpots outdoors. In one pot was a stew made of chicken and rice, and in another, the Indian food made of chopped pork and cracked corn. A third washpot of coffee was served. They cooked two 24-pound sacks of flour into biscuits which were from three to four inches across and about as high, baked over the open fire. All the food was kept hot until the men adjourned their session.

One noticeable change in the Christian Choctaw was the cemetery hard by the church. The pagan Choctaw custom was the burying of their dead where they died, and the mysterious "cry" held many days later, in which mourning and feasting were strangely intermingled. Now the Baptist Indians have their cemeteries and Christian burial. In one grave, two little Indian girls, twins, were buried. The mother posed for a picture beside the grave of her babies. Another headstone read: "William Comby, Private, 106th Infantry, 27th Mississippi Division." He bore arms in the first World War, and died in 1930. The grave of the octogenarian, Rev. T. S.

Chitto, born 1851 and died 1931, bore this inscription: "Christ loved him and took him home to be with Him." Because believers in a former generation were true to Christ's command to go and preach—it is true—"Christ . . . took him home." The daughter and granddaughter of this man were present.

Absent from the associational meeting were members of the family of Bob Allen—killed in action in the present world war. Choctaws from Mississippi are giving their lives, and it behooves Mississippi Baptists to love the race which shares with us the sorrows of war. The women of Sgt. Allen's family are active in the Baptist women's work.

Cordiality never accorded the white people in the days past, was evident all during the visit. Neshoba county Training Union workers had previously appointed leaders, and these sought council regarding B. T. U. methods, proudly displayed the quarterlies and asked more literature. Present also were the teachers of the government school, who are real friends of the Choctaws.

The Indian pastor was preaching the "missionary sermon," which he does once each quarter when they have a business meeting. The visitors could not understand the Choctaw language, but he was preaching about those good missionaries Paul and Silas!

THE SAME OLD NOTICE

Below we make some requests that have been made before and will continue to be made.

1. By looking on page four our readers will learn that obituaries and obituary resolutions are published free provided there are not more than 200 words. Over 200 words are one cent each.

2. Resolutions or articles in memory of those who have passed away months ago are one cent per word.

3. We cannot publish any kind of an article regardless of its merits unless the name of the writer is signed to the article. If the writer does not wish his name used and will so indicate it, we will be glad to omit it. But we must know the name of the writer. Almost every day we received an unsigned article—sometimes a short one and sometimes a long one. And the reason they are not published is because they are not signed.

—BR—

Two important events from January 18 to February 15. See Page 7.

THE PATTERCON MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

This is a proposal by a group of brethren to raise, without expense to the Convention or to the College, the sum of \$100,000.00, with which to endow the Chair of Bible and Evangelism at Mississippi College in Memory of Dr. M. O. Patterson.

Since the papers have indicated that there is some difference of opinion as to the action of the Convention with reference to this proposition, it might be well to reproduce the resolution bearing on the subject. It is listed as Resolution Number Seven, recorded on page fifty of the Convention Annual and reads as follows:

"Whereas it is believed that the five years Dr. M. O. Patterson rendered outstanding and abiding service as teacher of Bible and kindred subjects at Mississippi College, and

Whereas it is believed that the endowment of the chair of Bible and Evangelism at Mississippi College as a memorial to Dr. Patterson would prove worthy tribute to the life and service of this outstanding teacher, give deserved dignity to the rightful teaching of God's Word and added stability to the cause of Christian Education;

"Therefore be it resolved, that the Convention command the interest of those who have initiated this proposition and hope some day to see it consummated."

By reference to page fifty-one it will be seen that the Convention adopted the above resolution. By so doing the Convention did not authorize the movement neither did it assume responsible for same. It simply commended those who initiated the proposition and expressed the hope that some day it would be realized. With this commendation from the Convention, along with the commendations coming from individuals, churches and other groups, those who started this movement will do their best to see that the "hope" expressed by the Convention is realized.

No effort was made to get the Convention to authorize or assume responsibility for this effort because those interested want to do this for the Convention and for the College as our expression of appreciation for Dr. Patterson.

A similar movement was consummated at the recent Convention when many of his friends presented to Brother Wilds a purse as an expression of their appreciation for him and his services. That was a fine thing to do and the only objection I had to it was that they did not let me know anything about it that I



Above is the picture of Ann Newman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Newman, of Gulfport, Route 1. She is a member of Bowen Memorial Baptist Church. She has a perfect Sunday school attendance record, having attended seven years without missing a single Sunday. Ann is nine years old. Her Sunday school teacher for the past five years has been Mrs. E. L. Hawk, who is a faithful Christian and one of the best teachers of the church. We are proud of Ann and her teacher.—W. T. Miller, pastor.

might have a part in it. One purpose of the resolution above stated is to let everybody know about this Memorial so that any one who desires may have a part in it.

The originators of this movement have pledged themselves to so proceed as not to interfere with the debt-paying effort or the B. M. C. Endowment Campaign. After you have done your part by these then we ask you to consider this memorial.

Already the interest and responses have been fine. On every hand people are saying "That is a timely proposition and we want to have a part in it." Contributions are coming in from former students of Dr. Patterson from over this state and from other states. The trustees, faculty and student body of Mississippi College and the Clinton church are responding with contributions and subscriptions. One church has put the Memorial in the budget for 1944, another has assumed \$1,000.00 and a third has already given \$1,000.00. From all sources to date, in cash and subscriptions, we have around \$15,000.00 and very few solicitations have been made. These things encourage us to believe that by the next Convention we shall be well towards the close of this worthy undertaking. We are hoping every former student of the college who learns of this effort will gladly seek a part in it, that many friends of the college will join the contributors and that many churches will see fit to make a contribution during the year or to put this cause in their budgets.

Make your contributions in War Stamps, War Bonds or Cash. Send it directly to Mississippi College, through your church to Baptist Headquarters, or to the Mississippi Baptist Foundation. Address any inquiries to the undersigned.

With best wishes for all, I am

Yours for progress,

BRYAN SIMMONS,

Box No. 742, Laurel, Miss



Blue Mountain, Miss., Nov. 30—The Rev. J. W. Lee, pastor of the Batesville church, believes in patronizing all of our Baptist institutions. Pictured above are two members of his

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

(Continued from Page One)

purpose during the past ten years in freeing our agencies of debt, will cease to function as a Southwide debt-raising agency. Emphasis on the denominational program and stewardship will take its place on the Calendar of Denominational Activities for January and February.

A matter of widespread interest was that of the Memorial of the Tennessee Baptist Convention presented to the Committee by State Secretary C. W. Pope, Nashville. The Memorial has to do with the Home Mission Board's city and rural mission program, claiming that these two phases of work of the Home Mission Board completely cover the field of work in which the State Mission Board of Tennessee has been operating all the while. The claim is made that this program of the Home Board will seriously cripple the Co-operative Program in Tennessee, and that it violates fundamental Baptist policies and principles of co-operation.

Secretary J. B. Lawrence of the Home Board was present and went into a full explanation of the purpose and plans of this department of his Board. A committee, which was appointed to try to reconcile the two groups, recommended that the two Boards involved get together and iron out their differences and formulate some plan in which they can co-operate. The matter is now pending. It is sincerely hoped that a satisfactory solution can be reached.

—BR—

DR. HERRING IS SPEAKER

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Southern Baptist Theological Seminary of Louisville, Kentucky, and North Carolina member of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Baptist Hour programs are broadcast over an independent Southern network of 32 stations, covering the territory from the East Coast to the far Southwest, and are sponsored by the Radio Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. The program can be heard in Mississippi over Stations WCBI, Columbus; WSLI, Jackson; KWKH, Shreveport; WREC, Memphis, and WSM, Nashville.

The speakers for the following

church, both presidents of their respective college student bodies. Luther Roy White (left) is at Mississippi College, Clinton, and Monte McMahon is at Blue Mountain.

three Sundays of January will be:

On January 16th—Dr. Douglas S. Freeman of Richmond, Va.

On January 23rd—Dr. Harold W. Tribble of Louisville, Ky.

On January 30th—Dr. C. C. Warren of Charlotte, N. C.

—BR—

NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE

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appointments, are known to Him; from His exhaustless stores we receive strength and guidance, and even in the midst of strife and pain "peace that passeth understanding." It is with Him we pass into the New Year. "The best of all is, God is with us."

"O little heart of mine, shall pain
Or sorrow make thee moan,
When all this God is all for thee,
A Father all thine own?"

I pray that through all the coming months the strong consolation—or rather the joy—of that blessed fellowship may be the portion of every one of us. May the Holy Spirit of God so possess our lives that we shall be prepared not only to endure in dark days, but to meet the challenges and seize the opportunities of the brighter days which in His good time will follow.

Let us recall the grace of God bestowed upon the churches of our ecumenical communion in the past; and let us pray that it may be the instrument of yet larger, more devoted, and more effective service, in His name and power, for our fellow-Christians and fellow-men.

My love be with you all in Christ Jesus!

Your servant for His sake,

J. H. RUSHBROOKE.

Baptist World Alliance Office,
London, W. C. I.

October, 1943.

—BR—

Sunday School and B.T.U.	SS	BTU
Calvary church, Jackson	238	102
First church, Jackson	330	
West Side, Natchez	33	45
Crystal Springs	104	76
Hardy	26	
Pinola (Dec. 26)	28	29
Hardy (Dec. 26)	43	
West Side, Natchez (Dec. 26)	45	33
Bethlehem (Dec. 26)	33	61
Olive Branch (Dec. 26)	55	46
Interstate (Boyle)	75	65

NOW CLUB

DOUBLING THE FIVE THOUSAND CLUB

A Debtless Denomination Before 1945

I

In Retrospect—12/15/43

Mississippi Baptists will need to remember that we have two, and only two, Mississippi Baptist Convention indebtedness items primarily concerning this office. These are the \$156,500 outstanding bonds, and a \$25,000 note at the bank. When these two items are cleared Mississippi Baptists will be OUT-OF-DEBT in all transactions involving money borrowed, so far as we know.

Let us now concentrate on these items and get them behind us.

II

The two items due two of the colleges by the Convention were outright gifts, so far as we know. They constitute the promises of the parent to two children of the Convention. These grants may be paid at any time early or late without involving any violation. The Convention agreed that they should be paid out of Co-operative Program funds after getting rid of the two indebtedness items named above.

III

In our opinion the Mississippi College Alumni Association indebtedness to the Field Cooperative Association is neither legally nor morally a part of the Convention indebtedness.

We have had opportunity to investigate and study the matter and do not believe it should be taken over by the Convention. The Convention was not consulted regarding it, the Convention did not authorize it. It would set a bad precedent. Any disassociated group of Baptists might get together under similar circumstances and create an indebtedness, and then turn it into the lap of the Convention. It is possible that the Mississippi Baptist Convention has already made of itself an over-indulgent parent. Spoiled children have at least certainly muddled things in two or three instances. Why not handle the King's business in a way that will honor the King and forward His work? This is said without criticism toward any individual, but with deep concern for all the causes of the Lord Jesus and the lost thousands about us, and the lost millions around the world.

IV

1/1/44

Mississippi Baptists! By your excellent and generous support you have helped us call the \$104,000 bonds 1955-1956 maturities, and seemingly without having to go to the bank for money with which to consummate the affair. WE HAD TO BORROW FROM OUR RESERVE. How much we do not know. We will give you the whole picture soon.

V

The Committee on the 21 Recommendations and the Board set June 1st, 1944, as a date line for Mississippi Baptists to aim at getting out of debt. That is earlier than we would have aimed at. We would have included June anyhow, with the special NOW CLUB offerings.

We know Mississippi Baptists could do it by June 1st. On the basis of past performance and promise we

can't think they will. We are bound to work in line with that goal line, and gladly so. At the same time we must follow the Convention plan of special Now Club offerings in June. Away back in our head there is the feeling that with all our work and plans we will do well to be out of debt by November 1, 1944.

You may help us out of this otherwise inescapable dilemma by just sending the money on in and "let's get out of debt."

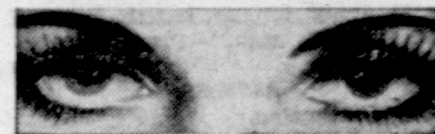
—BR—

Highland Baptist Church, Meridian, recently administered the ordinance of baptism to seven people and they have two more awaiting baptism. The Lord continues to bless Hübun in splendid leadership of this fine church.

—BR—

Two important events from January 18 to February 15. See Page 7.

EYES TIRED?



TWO DROPS



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Eyes tired? Do they smart and burn from overwork, sun, dust, wind, lack of sleep? Then soothe and refresh them the quick, easy way—use Murine. Just two drops in each eye. Right away Murine goes to work to relieve the discomfort of tired, burning eyes. Murine is a scientific blend of seven ingredients—safe, gentle—and oh, so soothing! Start using Murine today.



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WHAT ABOUT The Paper Shortage and Study Course Books?

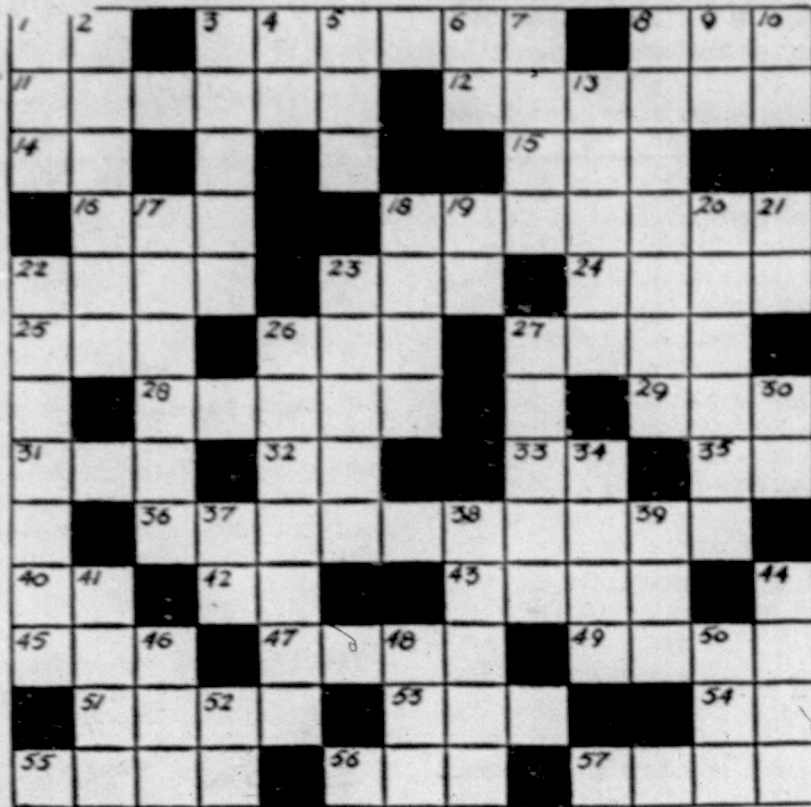
In order to stay within its 1943 paper quota, the Baptist Sunday School Board was unable to reprint certain books in the Sunday School Training Course and the Training Union Study Course when the demand for them exceeded the supply last fall. As soon as its 1944 paper quota became available, however, the Board began reprinting these titles. This means that though they are being rushed through the press, all of them will not be available for a few weeks. But this does not mean that you cannot study! Out of the hundred or so titles in the two courses, there are still enough books for you to keep your Sunday School Training Course work and your Training Union Study Course work going—and going strong! Check with us, as you plan your study weeks, to see that the books you select are available—but don't give up your training and study. Let us help you—we'll see that you can keep on keeping on!

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Jackson, Miss.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE



"A lying tongue hateth those that are afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin."—Prov. 26:28.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Old Carthusian.
 - 3 "why shouldst thou . . . to thy hurt," II Kings 14:10.
 - 8 "I know . . . to give flattering titles," Job 32:22.
 - 11 "find more . . . than he that flattereth," Prov. 28:23.
 - 12 "With her much fair . . ." Prov. 7:21.
 - 14 Foot.
 - 15 Grandson of Benjamin, I Chron. 7:7.
 - 16 Egg of a louse.
 - 18 Lawfully.
 - 22 "speak vanity every one . . . his neighbor," Ps. 12:2.
 - 23 "did flatter . . . with their mouth," Ps. 78:36.
 - 24 "lying tongue hateth those . . . are afflicted by it," Prov. 26:28.
 - 25 Ancient Italian goddess of the harvest.
 - 26 "O taste and . . . that the Lord is good," Ps. 34:8.
 - 27 "If any man among you . . . to be religious," Jas. 1:26.
 - 28 Outwards.
 - 29 "though they be . . . like crimson," Isa. 1:18.
 - 31 One of a native people of Bengal.
 - 32 Railroad.
 - 33 "flattering . . . her lips," Prov. 7:21.
 - 35 Company.
 - 36 "he . . . himself in his own eyes," Ps. 36:2.
 - 40 Trust receipts.
 - 42 Important city of lower Egypt, Gen. 41:45.
 - 43 Change direction.
 - 45 "sold al that he . . ." Matt. 13:46.
 - 47 "neither let me . . . flattering titles," Job 32:21.
 - 49 "it is . . . to seek the Lord," Hos. 10:12.
 - 51 "no . . . any vain vision nor flattering divination," Ezek. 12:24.
 - 53 Inches.
 - 54 "drop . . . a honey comb," Prov. 5:3.
 - 55 "which flattereth . . . her words," Prov. 7:5.
 - 56 "speaketh flattery to . . . friends," Job 17:5.

FLATTERY

- 57 "with flattering . . ." Ps. 12:2.
Our text is 3, 8, 22, 23, 24, 36, 55, 56 and 57 combined.

DOWN

- 1 "The Lord shall cut . . . all flattering lips," Ps. 12:3.
- 2 Well-known plant.
- 3 "her . . . is smoother than oil," Prov. 5:3.
- 4 Evangelical union.
- 5 "and . . . ground into water-springs," Ps. 107:35.
- 6 Linnean Society.
- 7 Narrative poem.
- 8 " . . . at any time used we flattering words," I Thess. 2:5.
- 9 Same as 1 across.
- 10 Territory of Hawaii.
- 13 One of the Erites, Num. 26:16.
- 17 Emphasized form of "it."
- 18 "they . . . unto him with their tongues," Ps. 78:36.
- 19 Plural ending of certain Hebrew words.
- 20 Son of Methuselah, Gen. 5:25.
- 21 Yukon territory.
- 22 "a flattering mouth . . . ruin," Prov. 26:28.
- 23 "with a double . . . do they speak," Ps. 12:2.
- 26 "may keep thee from the . . . woman," Prov. 7:5.
- 27 "multitude stood on the . . ." Matt. 13:2.
- 30 "such as . . . wickedly against the covenant shall be corrupt by flatteries," Dan. 11:32.
- 34 "spreadeth a net for his . . ." Prov. 29:5.
- 37 "and . . . I am with you alway," Matt. 28:20.
- 38 Levels.
- 39 Prefix meaning three.
- 41 Branches (Biol.).
- 44 "much . . . do lying lips a prince," Prov. 17:7.
- 46 Speak.
- 48 Number of chapter in Proverbs beginning "My son, keep my words."
- 50 Chart.
- 52 Right hand.

Answer to Last Week's Puzzle

PASS BIND IN
FOR THE WORD
ART ALL NOOK
ICIAN IE ABLE
THE DWELL SE
H HE VA IF P
OF THE LORD
TRASH T ANA F
ADIT THEM M O
KELITA APPEAR
IR EARS AD G
N IS RIGHT YE
GIN TYR HEART

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DR. JAMES A. STEWART
CLARKSDALE PASTOR GOES TO
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Dr. J. A. Stewart, for the past two years pastor at Clarksdale, has accepted the call of the Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky. He will begin his services in Louisville January 1.

Before going to Clarksdale he was for four years pastor of the First Baptist Church at West Point.

Mississippians will regret to see this gifted pastor leave Mississippi for he has been a brother beloved and has helpfully served.

During the pastorate of Dr. Stewart, the balance of the building debt of nearly nine thousand dollars has been paid, as well as paying tax of \$800. A complete music department has been installed with Miss Joyce Farmer, Blue Mountain graduate, in charge. Receipts for the past associational year were more than \$21,000. Looking toward an educational building, a building fund has been started. This fund is now approaching the three thousand mark. And the spiritual side has grown along with the finances. Attendance has been good at all times—even during the summer the auditorium was usually filled.

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DR. WILLIAM POTTER
DR. POTTER INCREASES
RADIO TIME

Hattiesburg: Having accepted the pastorate of the West Salem Baptist Church in Greene county, Dr. William Potter, recently resigned as pastor of the McLain church, will continue to pastor the Janice Baptist Church in Perry county. Effective January 3, 1944, the gospel radio broadcast directed by Dr. Potter and heard over WFOR, Hattiesburg, will be on the air Monday through Friday of each week. This is the fourth increase in broadcast time since the program was inaugurated last April and to which Dr. Potter is giving the major portion of his time. Because of his new schedule after the first of the year Dr. Potter will be available for supply appointments on the second and fourth Sundays and every Sunday evening.

REPORTING ON RUSSIAN KITS

(Continued from Page One)
family sending a kit will use its own ration points, thus sharing its sugar and milk with a neighbor family in Russia. We also urge adhering strictly to articles agreed upon between our government and the Russian government, as follows:

- 1-2-lb. box, cube sugar or 2 1-lb. boxes or loose sugar in a small box.
- 2-2½-oz. packages dehydrated soup mix.
- 1-14½-oz. can evaporated (not condensed) milk.
- 2-packages bouillon cubes (10 cubes).
- 1-1-lb. package hard candies (not peanut bars or milk chocolate).
- 1-small sewing kit (assorted needles and pins rolled in a small square of cloth, one spool each of black and white cotton thread; and one packet of buttons on card or thread). If not available in stores ask housewives to share from their sewing baskets.
- 2-bars white laundry or bath soap (not naphtha or other odorous soaps). Wrap the soap in heavy waxed paper so that the odor will not permeate the candy.
- 1-crochet needle, size 7.
- 1-pair knitting needles, size 3, 10 or 12 inches long.
- 1-2½-yard roll 1-inch surgical adhesive tape.
- 1-6-yd. roll 2-inch gauze bandage.

After packing the kit, in order to make it absolutely tight pack on top a towel or pair of warm cotton gloves or socks.

January 15-30, 1944, is the period set by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention to make this campaign. We hope our pastors and churches will order their kits at once and reach their goals within the period established by the Executive Committee. Thanks for your cooperation. For further in-



DR. CHAS. S. HENDERSON
FIRST CHURCH OF GREENVILLE
DEDICATED
1944 Budget Includes More
For Mission

The First Baptist Church of Greenville has paid in full a debt of above \$27,000.00 which has been against the church for many years. They burned the bonds and notes in a dedicatory service December 19th. Since November the fifteenth 1942 they have raised and paid on the church debt \$25,349.38. In a special Thanksgiving offering November 21, 1943 they raised \$1,009.30. There were few large gifts. The money in the main came from the gifts of the many rather than few. There is an unusually fine spirit of fellowship and cooperation in the church.

Much of the debt was placed against the church under the leadership of Dr. Chas. S. Henderson during his first pastorate, 1925-1934. The membership grew in those years from slightly over three hundred to more than one thousand. The Sunday school and Training Unions and other departments grew in like manner. Hence the need of more room. During his first pastorate they remodeled the present church building which is a fine specimen of the old Akron type, and departmentalized the Sunday school and Training Unions. He also led in buying the adjoining lot and old ante-bellum building which has been used during the years as an educational building.

The church owns a magnificent lot running across a whole city block facing Main Street with a depth of 320 feet facing cross streets. It is one of the best located and most valuable church lots to be found in the South for a city the size of Greenville, and affords ample room for an expansive program which they will launch when war conditions will permit. Already they have begun the accumulation of a fund with which to build.

In addition to the choice church property they own a pastor's home in the finest residential section of the city in which Pastor Henderson and his lovely family live. Dr. Henderson returned to Greenville twenty-two months ago for his second pastorate during which time they have raised for all purposes more than \$65,000.00.

formation, write:

LUIE D. NEWTON,
S. B. C. Chairman,
Russian Kit Campaign,
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Atlanta, Ga.

THRILLS FOR FORTY YEARS

By Theodore Whitfield
Pocahontas, Miss.

Did you ever write a check that thrilled you when you wrote it and then every memory of it thrilled you ten years later and twenty years and thirty and forty years afterward? Well, I had that experience once. In order to explain how it came about, let me say that I have spent a lot of money in my life—that is—a lot for a common Baptist preacher. I have had churches that paid me good salaries—like \$200.00 a month and \$250.00 and \$300.00—with parsonage, of course. Well, I would put the money in the bank and then check it out. I bought a player piano for \$700.00—wrote a check for it. Then bought 500 player rolls to go with it. A phonograph, and 500 records for it. \$1,500.00 for pecan trees to set out, and a lot of things like that. Well, I do not regret spending the money for I received pleasure from it. But one time I gave a check that thrilled me at the time and the memory has thrilled me many a time since.

In an early pastorate in my ministry the church was stingy about giving to missions and also about paying the pastor—for they were just paying me \$40.00 a month. But I inherited some \$300.00—and I put it back in the bank. When the foreign-mission collection came I just took the notion and put the larger half of the money in the collection. After church, when the treasurer looked in the plate he saw the check! When he saw it he motioned for the other two deacons to come to him—and they looked at it! Then they called me and said, "Pastor, what does this check mean?" "Why," I said, "that is my offering to the collection." "Have you that much money in the bank?" they fired at me. "Yes." "Well," they shot back, "you have no right to give it to this collection." "But," I said, "it is mine and I want to give it." Well, I tell you, they got mad at me. They got red in the face and they lectured me coming and going—calling me names, "fool" and "crank" and "idiot" and the like. But I simply placed the check back in the plate, saying, "It is mine and I give it and you gentlemen have got to send it to the mission board," and turned and walked up the aisle and out of the door shaking from head to foot and thrilling through and through with joy. That was forty years ago, but in all the years since then whenever I have thought upon the incident I have thrilled again with joy. In the night on my bed I have lain with clasped hands—tears rolling down my face—tears of joy

A greater amount of which has gone for Missions than any previous period. Two hundred-thirty-nine new members have been added to the church. Evangelism and Christian Stewardship are the main features emphasized in the program.

Their budget for the year 1944 calls for an increase of 25% for the Co-operative Program, a like increase for the Now Club with which to help pay Mississippi Baptists out of debt, \$9,000 toward a new building fund, and \$600 increase of the pastor's salary. It is significant that the EVERY FAMILY Plan for the Record is also in the budget.—Reporter.

Answers To Know Your Bible

(Feature on page 10.)

1. (What law, etc.): The law of the Medes and Persians, "which altereth not," as found in Daniel 6:8-12.

2. (Christian era): Dionysius Exiguus, first used, and placed the birth of Christ on the 25th of December, in Rome, 753, as A. D. I. Accordingly, this date is generally thought to be about four years too late.

3. ("Exalteth the horn of his people"): Horn meant to the Hebrews, a symbol of power or strength, or could be interpreted "increase his power," "strengthen him," or, "to enhance his importance."

4. (Old Testament apothecary): The "apothecary" was really a maker of perfumes, and was known as the "perfumer." When King Asa died, he was laid in a bed, "which was filled with sweet odours of divers kinds of spices prepared by the apothecaries (perfumers) art." (II Chronicles 16:14. Also Exodus 30:25).

WORK AMONG SERVICE MEN

In a recent issue of The Baptist Record, among the needs for the state, the work among the soldiers in Mississippi was listed. . . . Great happiness has come to the writer in personal work among the service men, inviting them to church services, giving them gospels of John, and talking about the plan of salvation, and inviting them to listen to the Family Altar broadcast over WMIS at Natchez. This program is dedicated to them. Sowing seeds in the name of Jesus, for His glory brings to pass the peace that passeth all understanding.

Recently meeting a soldier who participated in the battle of Tunisia, it was a joy to see his face light with appreciation as he thanked me when I assured him I prayed for him while he was fighting. Meeting three American-born Japanese soldiers, one a Methodist, one a Presbyterian and the other non-secretarian, it was a joy to find that although the parents of the latter were Buddhists, he carried in an inside pocket a copy of the gospel of John, and said he believed in Jesus. Dealing with the soldier boys is a two-fold service—service to God and country, and all for the glory of Christ. If one desires real happiness, put your faith into works, for works without faith is dead.—Bertha Belt, Natchez, Miss.

about it all.

Now, if the men had not quarreled with me about it, perhaps I might have mostly forgotten the gift. But their opposition gave a kick to the matter and put spice in it and a thrill and a tang and a "thank God" that has lasted for forty years.

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Chairman,
Radio Committee,
Appelman Evangelistic Campaign.

Dear Brother Chairman:

You must know the vital importance of the vital good your Radio Committee can do for and in our coming campaign. May I make some prayerful suggestions?

1. Arrange for spot announcements advertising the crusade several times each day for the week, or two weeks before, and every day during the meeting.

2. Obtain, if at all possible, daily radio time, thirty minutes if available. Perhaps as in other places some of the established radio programs will give me the privilege of speaking over them.

3. On each piece of advertising material (see the chairman of the Advertising Committee about this), include an announcement of these radio broadcasts.

If there is any way, in which I can be of help to you, please write me. God bless and use you mightily.

Sincerely yours,

HYMAN J. APPELMAN.

825 Woodland Avenue,
Fort Worth, 4, Texas
Chairman Music Committee
Appelman Evangelistic Campaign
Dear Brother Chairman:

Thank God that you have been appointed chairman of the music committee for our campaign. I need not press upon your great heart the tremendous importance of your committee and the work you have to do. May I make some very humble, very prayerful suggestions?

Of course, we want the largest possible choir in constant attendance. Within a few days I shall write you the name of our song leader, and get him to write you also. Here are some plans that have worked:

Within the next few days call a meeting of all the pastors and choir leaders of the various churches, outlining to them your plan for the organization of a chorus choir, asking them for any suggestions or recommendation that they might make. Many weeks before the meeting, call a conference of all the churches to begin your rehearsals. Do not stop with half measures, but press insistently for the largest attendance possible. Between now and the time of the meeting have at least one rehearsal each week, using the song book that we shall have during the campaign.

List those who have unusual talents, in solo work, in duets, in quartets, in chorus arrangements and have them in readiness for the song leader to use whenever he feels so inclined to do. I should not make any definite plans about when these specials are to be used because the song leader might have his own ideas on the subject.

By all means, have two or more pianos. If at all possible, have the same pianists all the time even for the day services. If you have a good church orchestra, or some good church instrumental musicians, arrange for them also to meet for the rehearsals and to be present at every possible service during the meeting.

I know the song leader and you will have other plans also to suggest. Anything you all do is, of course, agreeable with me. There's one thing I want you to bear in mind, in all probability, we shall start our services at 7:45. I want to get to preaching by 8:15 or 8:20 at the latest. That, you see, will allow about twenty minutes for a song service. Much can be pressed into even that brief time if it is properly handled, properly prepared for in advance, if the choir members and the musicians are on time ready to start off even a few minutes ahead of the scheduled hour.

May God by His Spirit lead you definitely in all this. If there is any way in which I can help you, I am at your service. Pray for me.

Sincerely yours,

HYMAN J. APPELMAN.

825 Woodland Avenue
Fort Worth, 4, Texas
Chairman,
Finance Committee
Appelman Evangelistic Campaign
Dear Brother Chairman:
You are in an important and delicate

job. May the Holy Spirit use you in each week, using the song book that we have. May I be permitted to make some suggestions?

1. Have enough ushers to take the offering each time very quickly. You brethren will have to decide whether it be gathered both day and evening, or just in the evening.

2. Make some sort of arrangement to keep the collection in the back without having to bring it down to the front.

3. On the Sunday afternoons, for reasons you will understand, the collection will be taken at the close of the service.

4. For the love offering for the Evangelist, we shall prepare some love offering envelopes. These will be distributed to the people as they come into the service during the last three days of the meeting. They will be gathered up at the proper time.

5. As early as possible, during the meeting, obtain an exact, careful, itemized statement of all the expenses, allowing a little extra for emergencies. Just as soon as this expense is in, we shall discontinue taking offerings until the love offering.

Call upon me if I can help you in any way. God bless you. Pray for me.

Sincerely yours,

HYMAN J. APPELMAN.

Concerning the World Relief Program of Southern Baptists we quote a paragraph from Secretary Maddy's report to the Board at its October meeting: "Concerning the matter of World Emergency Relief, we wish to express our profound gratitude for the unprecedented response of our Southern Baptist people in providing, thus far, generous funds for the work of the suffering and misery brought on by this terrible war among the people of those lands. We recommend that the effort to secure additional funds be continued. We believe that, for the present, the faithful efforts of the missionaries, assisted by the state secretaries, The Commission, and the state papers and the Baptist pastors of the South, will be sufficient to secure from among the churches, the funds needed for the great relief program in the days ahead. We are now sending \$35,000 to our missionaries in China, and we shall need to spend about \$10,000 per month for work in Europe. We shall need one-half million dollars for relief work in China, and not less than a quarter of a million for Europe, Africa, and the Near East. We estimate that about one church out of five, thus far, has made an offering for World Emergency Relief. If only we could secure from all the churches of the South a worthy offering for this cause, we would have ample funds for all the needs that will press in upon us when the day of peace comes. All relief offerings should be sent through the state secretaries."—E. C. Routh.

DAVID BYRD ORDAINED

On Wednesday evening, December 22, the Clinton church set apart David Byrd to the work of the gospel ministry. Previous to this he had been examined by a council of preachers consisting of Dr. H. M. Harris, Dr. H. E. Spell, Dr. A. A. Kitchings, Dr. P. I. Lipsey and Rev. R. A. Eddleman. Dr. Harris was asked to preside and conduct the examination, and Dr. Spell acted as secretary. The examination covered the usual matters of conversion, call to the ministry and views of Bible Doctrine, an approved entirely satisfactory to the examiners. In addition to these members of the council, those taking part in the laying on of hands included Rev. A. L. Goodrich, Dr. D. A. McCall and a large number of ministerial students—Mississippi College. Talks were made by Dr. S. E. Cranfill, Dr. Chesté Swo and D. Lipsey. Brother Byrd grew up in Clinton where his parents live. He was graduated from Mississippi College and is now a student of the Southern Seminary. He is held in high esteem by the people of the community, who presented him with a handsome Bible.

NOTICE, EAST McCOMB CHURCH

East McComb church is happy to join the many other Mississippi churches that have the EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record. It is being sent to our resident families because we know that "informed Baptists are better Baptists. We want to keep up with what other Baptists are doing. The Baptist Record will help us to have a better church and to be better Christians.

MY SERMONETTE By Dr. Barry B. Hall

Jesus came unto His own and they rejected and crucified Him. Their temple was soon in ruins, their nation destroyed and they have suffered as no other people have suffered to this day. Rome fought Christ and broke into pieces blasting at the Rock of Ages. Hitler fought Christ and his kingdom is collapsing over his head. Russia tried it, and fearing atheistic Communism, Hitler invaded her territory leaving oceans of blood in his wake. France tried it, and the streets of Paris ran with blood. Tom Paine tried it and cried out in agony on his death-bed, "I would give worlds, if I had them, if the Age of Reason had not been written!" A great French infidel tried it and ended his days crying out, "I am abandoned of God and man; I shall be damned, O Christ, O Jesus Christ!" Bob Inglesol tried it and it cost him the governorship of the state of Missouri. Now and then professional men try it and it costs them the love and confidence of their public. The merchant tries it and loses the goodwill and trade of the people. The layman tries it and only too often becomes a defaulter, sometimes a libertine and always a menace to society. The father tries it and so frequently his influence wrecks the career of his own children, destroys the happiness of his companion, breaks up the home and he tends to become a poor neighbor and citizen, frequently destroys his own health and dies disgracefully young, misses

DEAR MEMBERS OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF WINONA:

With this issue of The Baptist Record, we inaugurate the EVERY FAMILY Plan in our church. We sincerely hope that every family will make the widest possible use of this excellent journal of Christian thought and activities. Through its pages you are privileged from week to week to see what Baptists are doing around the world as they seek to obey the Great Commission of our Lord. Each household receives but one copy; will you not make it your personal business to see that each member of the household has an opportunity to read each and every copy? This is but one of the many ways in which your church is seeking to serve you in its great ministry. You can best show your appreciation by your faithful attendance to the services of this church and your loyal support of our entire church program.

Your pastor,

C. B. HAMLETT, III.

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Two important events from January 18 to February 15. See Page 7.

all the good things God has in store for them who love him and goes to hell by the common consent of mankind through all ages. Jesus in contrasting His rejection by men with His ultimate and complete triumph over all opposition said, "The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner, and whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder."